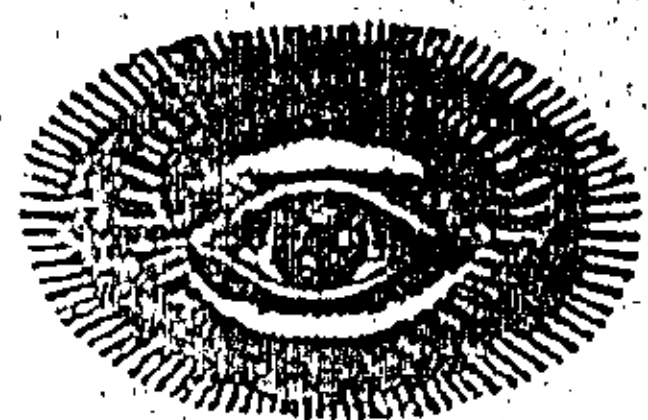




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GRAVE SHANGHAI INCIDENT.

SHELLS FALL IN FRENCH CONCESSION.

TURNCOAT CRUISERS FIRE AT ARSENAL.

MARINES ARRIVE HERE.

An alarming incident occurred at Shanghai yesterday when the Kiangnan Arsenal was fired on by two Chinese cruisers (anchored in the river) which suddenly went over to the Southerners. Five shells fell in the French Concession and five in the native City, the latter killing two Chinese. Although some British and American houses were hit, there were no foreign casualties.

The anti-British movement is still intense at Changsha, where the Kuomintang and Labour Unions have threatened to condemn to death any Chinese in British employ or found to be supplying British subjects with necessities.

At Ichang threats have been made against American ships for carrying British refugees, and at Kiukiang there is a threat of the A.P.C. employees going on strike.

The troopship Minnesota, with 1,000 Marines on board, arrived in Hongkong to-day and is proceeding almost immediately to Shanghai.

Shanghai, Feb. 22.

Two Chinese cruisers lying in the Whangpoo above Shanghai, to-day deflected from Marshal Sun Chuan-fang to the Southerners and fired on Marshal Sun's Kiangnan Arsenal, which is almost on the boundary of the French Concession.

Five shells fell into the French Concession and five in the native city, the latter killing two Chinese.

Two British and two American homes were damaged, but no foreigners were injured.

Marines are guarding the French Concession boundaries, while British naval men and troops are standing by.

Chinese refugees are pouring into the International Settlement from the native city.—*Reuter.*

NAVAL REPORTS.

American Ships Threatened.

Ichang, Feb. 22.

American steamers leaving down river, took on board forty-eight British refugees, in spite of the fact that the pilots have been intimidated. Threats have been made against American ships because they have been carrying British passengers, and for their proposal to lead British ships down river.—*Naval Wireless.*

Threats of Death.

Changsha, Feb. 22.

The Kuomintang and Labour Unions have threatened by proclamation to condemn to death all Chinese in British employ and all those found supplying British subjects with necessities.

Coal contractors have already been seized, under these proclamations, for supplying the British Consulate.—*Naval Wireless.*

A.P.C. Strike Feared.

Kiukiang, Feb. 22.

A few more troops have proceeded down river, as also has the Soviet aeroplane which arrived here the other day.

Early this morning, the telephone at the A.P.C. installation was cut by Chinese agitators, but later in the forenoon repairs were effected. The A.P.C. employees have threatened to strike.—*Naval Wireless.*

Hankow Quiet.

Hankow, Feb. 22.

The British Concession will be transferred to a Chinese Municipality on March 15th. The situation generally is quiet.—*Naval Wireless.*

MARINES FOR SHANGHAI.

"Minnesota" Reaches Hongkong.

The Royal Marine reinforcements, one thousand strong, arrived in the Colony at about eleven o'clock this morning on board the troopship Minnesota, which has made almost record time from Colombo.

The Marines will stay in Hongkong for a few hours only, and will be leaving for Shanghai either this evening or at daybreak tomorrow morning.

Col. Carpenter, D.S.C., is the commanding Officer of this contingent.

DESTROYERS ON THE WAY.

Eighth Flotilla at Port Said.

Port Said, Feb. 22.

The Eighth Destroyer Flotilla has arrived and is proceeding to China to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

TROOPS FOR SHANGHAI.

Dates of Further Arrivals.

London, Feb. 22.

Sir L. Worthington Evans speaking at Colchester said that more British troops would reach Shanghai on February 23, and March 1st and 2nd when there should be sufficient forces to protect British lives and property, but if no attack was made on life at Shanghai that force would never be used.—*Reuter.*

QUESTIONS IN COMMONS.

Contribution From Shanghai?

London, Feb. 22.

In the House of Commons, Capt. G. M. Garro-Jones (Liberal), asked whether the Shanghai Commander was authorised to resist the entry of any Chinese forces, victorious or defeated, into Shanghai.

Capt. H. D. King (Financial Under-Secretary of State for War), replied that it was not in the public interest to disclose what instructions had been given to the General Officer Commanding.

Col. Wedgwood (Labour) enquired the cost of the Shanghai Defence Force and whether a contribution could be obtained from the beneficiaries there.

Capt. King replied that the cost would be dealt with in a forthcoming Supplementary Estimate, and he declined, despite Col. Wedgwood's pressure, to make any statement regarding a contribution from the beneficiaries.

Mr. O'Malley at Kiukiang.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson (Under-Secretary of State for Home Affairs), replying to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, said that the agreement signed at Hankow on February 19th as regards the Kiukiang Concession provided that if any direct losses were due to the actions or culpable negligence of Nationalist agents and were suffered by Britishers in the (Continued on page 12.)

FEARS FOR SHIP.

"ELKTON'S" DISTRESS SIGNALS.

VALUABLE CARGO ABOARD.

Little hope is indicated by local shipping and insurance men (says the Manila Bulletin of Saturday last) that the American Pioneer line freighter Elkton, which sent out distress signals late on Thursday night, is still afloat. The Liberator, the steamer that received the distress call, made a search over a radius of 200 miles but was unable to find any trace of the ship, other than oil floating on top of the rough seas.

The missing ship was between Manila and Guam, and in its distress signal, gave its position as 135.36 degrees east longitude and 14.16 north latitude, or about 1,000 miles from Manila. The message was abruptly broken off.

Members of Crew.

There was a crew of 36 aboard. The master was Captain E. C. Schellhardt. Other members of the crew were W. A. David; C. Johansen; W. Moller; H. Wiswell; O. F. Ruble; H. Janssen; G. Stenberg; P. L. Schriekel; E. R. Midgette; E. Hanson; W. Flynn; W. Richards; D. J. Owen; J. Anderson; F. McPortland; L. Gallagane; D. H. Hughes; M. Ellerbe; W. Q. Sullivan; J. J. Vella; A. R. Addison; G. Heffelfinger; O. S. Berglund; L. Lopez; H. Lomnitz; W. McNamara; P. Barrio; A. Perez; F. Selles; A. Pierce; M. M. Indick; M. A. Adams; J. M. Rosario; I. Hiparao; T. Tuma; and F. E. Shea.

Destroyers Sent Out.

Four United States navy destroyers were dispatched from Manila at 5 p.m. on Friday to aid in the search for the missing boat and crew. The destroyers that sailed were the Sincard, Preston, Paul Jones, and Stewart.

It is hoped by Admiral line of officials, agents for the steamer, that the freighter may have been able to reach some point on the island of Guam.

The Elkton had a valuable cargo of sugar and coconut oil. It left Pulupandan, Negros, at 6 a.m. on February 9, destined for Atlantic ports, by way of the Panama canal. It was to have stopped at Honolulu for fuel.

All Cargo Insured.

The sugar was 7,500 tons and was valued at approximately \$736,500. The coconut oil cargo was 850 tons and was valued at about \$136,000. The entire cargo was insured. It is understood that the gross of the insurance was handled through E. E. Elser, Ed. A. Keller and Company, and the Union Insurance Society of Canton. A large per cent. of this insurance was sub-insured through other companies.

The value of the Elkton could not be ascertained. It is a United States shipping board vessel and therefore is not insured by a commercial insurance company. The Elkton's tonnage was 9,600 dead tons, 6,318 gross and 4,674 net. It was built by Skinner and Eddy in 1919 at Seattle. It was a steel screw ship and burned oil.

Trouble Uncertain.

The nature of the ship's trouble was not learned, further than it was in a full gale. The fact that it was in a full gale on the water does not necessarily mean that the boat was submerged. It is customary in rough seas, such as the Elkton was sailing in, to spray oil over the surface of the water to quiet the seas. The Liberator did not find wreckage or other evidence that the boat had sunk.

The Admiral line has requested their agent in Guam to make every possible check but up to late on Saturday night had received nothing. Local radio stations have attempted to get in touch with the station at Guam, but owing to the typhoon sweeping over the island of Yap and Guam during the past few days, they have been unsuccessful.

HANDCUFFED MAN ESCAPES.

LATER CAUGHT BY INDIAN CONSTABLE.

THEFT OF INWOOD.

By keeping a careful watch throughout the night, the Forestry Department is endeavouring to put a stop to the not infrequent thefts from various Government Plantations. The vigilance of the officers has resulted in less destruction to the trees, but this morning when a Chinese was charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy, with being in unlawful possession of 60 cabbies of pine trees, Mr. Twemlow, who prosecuted, said that the damage caused amounted to \$30, although only 60 cabbies had been taken by the defendant.

Sergeant Kirby informed his Worship that after the defendant was arrested, shortly before midnight, he was handcuffed but managed to escape from the forest guards during the darkness. An Indian constable on patrol on the Cheung Sha Wan Road five hours later saw the defendant roaming about with a pair of handcuffs on his wrists and promptly took him into custody.

His Worship inflicted a fine of \$75, or, in default, six weeks' hard labour.

TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

DE PINEDO MAKES CROSSING.

Pernambuco, Feb. 22.

The Marquis De Pinedo, has arrived at Port Natal, Brazil, completing his trans-Atlantic flight from Cape Verde Islands, which he left at eleven o'clock last night. De Pinedo landed at 1.20 in the afternoon, (American Time).—*Reuter's American Service.*

A Forced Descent.

A later message from Pernambuco says it now appears that De Pinedo did not land at Port Natal, but was forced to descend into the sea after passing Fernando Noronha, from which place he was towed back by the Brazilian cruiser, Barrosa.—*Reuter.*

CANTON LABOUR TROUBLES.

ANOTHER ARMED CLASH EXPECTED.

Another armed clash between mechanics and railwaymen appears to be developing. Recently these two bodies of Labour Unionists had a battle along the Canton-Samsui Railway line. Machine guns and bombs were used and nearly a hundred lost their lives. The fighting was afterwards stopped by Government troops, but the parties are planning another clash. Fighters have been employed by the two Unions during the past few days at wages of \$7 to \$10 a day. Upon receipt of this report, the Army Headquarters and the Police Department yesterday morning sent out large forces of armed men to watch the actions of the two Unions. The railway stations and the wharves are carefully guarded, for the mechanics are concentrated in Honam and the railwaymen on the different railways.

The Canton Government has so far failed to bring the merchants and labour delegates together at an Arbitration Conference to settle outstanding disputes. The Conference, which broke off at its third meeting owing to the refusal of the labour delegates to discuss the right of the merchants to dismiss employees, resumed on Monday at the Government House Headquarters. However, the merchant delegates failed to turn up and the meeting had to be abandoned.

PIRACY SCARE.

CHINESE TROOPS ON "TAI MING."

ARRIVAL IN HONGKONG.

Considerable excitement prevailed along the water-front this morning when the s.s. Tai Ming, from Wuchow and Samsui, instead of proceeding directly to her wharf near Wing Lok Street, steamed along the Southern Fairway, sounding repeated blasts on her siren.

Armed Chinese soldiers observed on board gave rise to remarkable rumours, but the Police and Harbour Office officials, who were soon on the spot, were informed that as the result of a warning that pirates were on board, the soldiers were taken on to protect the ship until she reached Hongkong.

Warned By Commissioner.

The story as told by the master, Capt. Spinks, is that shortly before leaving Samsui at 5.30 last night, the Commissioner of Customs

COLOMBO STRIKE.

Mediatory Efforts Fail.

Colombo, Feb. 22.

The mediatory efforts of the Government Advisory Board in connection with the harbour strike have failed, and a general harbour strike appears to be materialising.—*Reuter.*

warned him not to proceed because it was suspected that a piracy had been planned, and that pirates were already on board.

About 40 Cantonese troops visited the vessel, on instructions, and thoroughly searched the passengers without making any discovery, but, as a final precaution, the master agreed to take an officer and ten men with him to protect the bridge in the case of emergency.

Some of the troops were armed with rifles, and the others with Mauser pistols, fitted with a stock.

Europeans on Board.

The Tai Ming when she arrived this morning was carrying over two hundred passengers, including a European, Mr. Schwob, and a European lady.

On police instructions, the vessel went alongside her wharf, and the Europeans were allowed to go ashore. The Chinese passengers are all confined to the ship until a further search is made.

A cursory examination has already proved fruitless, but it is probable that the passengers will be detained for some hours.

STOP PRESS.

NORTHERN HELP FOR SUN.

Shanghai, Feb. 23.

General Chang Tsung-chang (the Tupan of Shantung) has entered Nanking to-day and has assumed control of the City by arrangement with Marshal Sun Chuan-fang.

Arrangements are also being made for Fengtien troops to take over the garrisoning of the railway to the south of Nanking, thus enabling the Northern army, approximating 30,000 men, which is at present entering Nanking, being rapidly thrown into the defence of Shanghai.

This indicates that Sun is now practically eliminated as a factor.—*Reuter.*

BREAKING UP A BIG DRUG RING.

IMPORTANT CAPTURES BY POLICE.

RUSSIANS INVOLVED.

Details appear in the mail papers of the break up of a drug smuggling organization which covered Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, and extended to China and Japan. It was discovered that money was sent direct from the Far East to Berlin. The Russians forwarded it in the form of cheques by way of London to the Paris branch of a factory and to an overseas export firm. The drugs came by the same route in the opposite direction. Formerly they were sent direct to the Free Port at Hamburg, but several valuable consignments were seized there.

After that, various English ports, though not London, were tried. Eventually the Free Port at Copenhagen was chosen and an agent there procured warehouse accommodation for the operations. From Copenhagen the consignments were mostly forwarded to the Far East, via Soviet territory.

When the clues had been pieced together Herr Weiss sent officials to Copenhagen, where, together with the Danish police, they raided the rooms, in which they found 40 lbs. of morphia and eight empty morphia boxes.

On the same day Herr Rebe arrested the two Russians and seven associates in Berlin. In one of the flats 30 lbs. of heroin and 4 lbs. of raw opium were found. In spite of this evidence, the Russians at first denied knowledge of the traffic, and then confirmed the facts in the course of mutual recriminations. The smugglers obtained cocaine for \$20 a kilogramme and sold it in the Far East for as much as \$120.

"Double-crossing" was apparently frequent. In one case the smugglers received \$12,000 from China for a consignment. They kept the money and telegraphed their regrets that the consignment had been seized by the authorities.

ROUND-WORLD YACHT.

COMING TO HONGKONG.

Mr. Harrison Williams, the American millionaire, is at present in Rangoon in the course of his yachting tour round the world.

Mr. Harrison Williams' yacht, the Warrior, is 250 feet in length, with a beam of 35 feet and a draught of 16½ feet. She is 1,451 tons gross and 718 tons net and is fitted with Krupp Diesel Motor engines developing 1,800 horse power for a speed of 14 knots and has twin screws.

The crew comprises Captain Severin Augustinsen and 43 others, with a full complement of officers and engineers and there is a first class chef on board. The crew represents several nationalities.

Mr. Harrison Williams left New York travelling Eastwards through the Suez Canal on a pleasure trip round the world and is calling at all important ports en route.

From Rangoon he will proceed back to New York via the Panama Canal, calling en route at Penang, Singapore, Java, Bangkok, Hongkong, Japan and other places. The Chief Officer is Mr. Hiorth and the Second Officer, Mr. Johnson.

The Warrior is most luxurious, fitted throughout and carries her own powerful wireless set. Mr. Harrison Williams is deeply interested in radio matters.

INDUSTRIES FAIR.

LARGE CROWDS AT BIRMINGHAM.

London, Feb. 22.

Great crowds of buyers and the general public visited the British Industries Fair at Birmingham to-day, when the Prince of Wales paid his promised visit.

His Royal Highness made a tour of inspection of the exhibition and was most enthusiastically received everywhere.—*British Wireless.*

LABOUR ISSUES.

DR. C. C. WU DISCUSSES PROBLEMS.

AN INTERESTING ADDRESS.

The Forum of the Industrial Service League in Shanghai, which is attempting to provide for frank discussion of some of the vital questions of the day in industrial and labour matters, was addressed by Dr. C. C. Wu, last week. Dr. Wu, who was, till eight months ago, in charge of the Municipal Government of Canton, and who had, during his time of administration, spoke of the practical steps which, in his opinion, could contribute to the maintenance of industrial peace in Shanghai in the immediate future.

It was difficult, said Dr. Wu, to make suggestions for this city, which had not a unified municipal authority, competent to bring forward legislation for the purpose of modification of conditions of labour which were the cause of discontent. Therefore, in Shanghai, the only possible method of accomplishing what might prevent industrial strife, was through the action of employers themselves, upon whom the opinion of the community might have influence.

Class Hatred Denounced.

"Dr. Wu" stated that his own approach to these problems was not symbolized by the slogan "Down with capital," or advocacy of class warfare. In this he was voicing not only the opinion of himself, but of the party of which he was a member—the Kuomintang. It is true there is conflict between the interests of labour and capital, he said, but there is little to be gained by emphasis on these differences, and the working up of a class hatred and strife.

Real Knowledge Of Facts.

It is essential, said Dr. Wu, that both employers and the community should know the facts of the conditions under which workmen live. This knowledge has wide ramifications. How much of the wages presumably going to the workers actually find its way to his pocket? What proportion goes to middle-men—to compradors, and contractors? If an employer does not know these facts, he cannot judge of the reasonableness or otherwise of a demand for increase in wages. What is the actual cost of the worker of a minimum standard of living, and how far do wages conform to this?

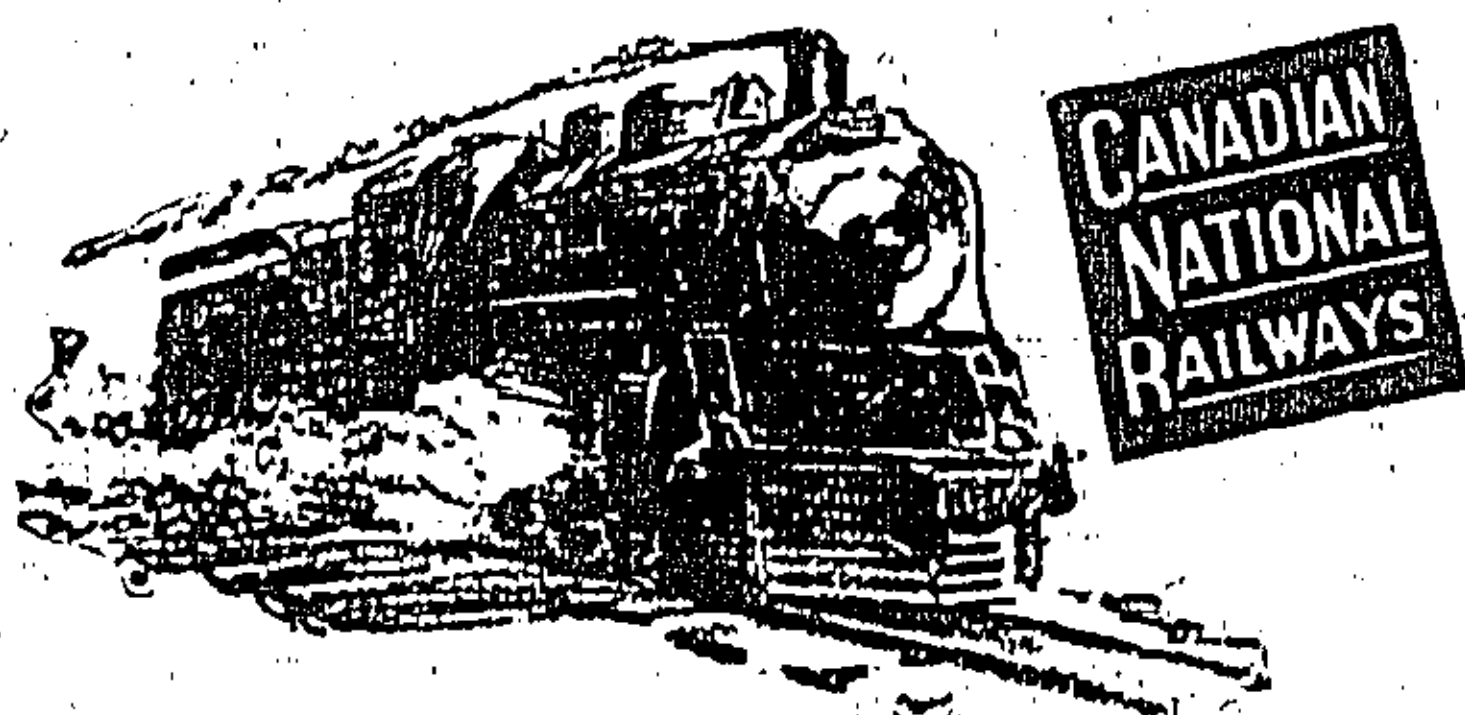
Knowing Facts.

Labour troubles in Shanghai in the past twelve months have been frequently attributed to "professional agitators," anxious to spread communist propaganda, said Dr. Wu. In some cases this is true, but in a large number of cases workmen have a just cause for complaint. It is related that one workman, more class-conscious than others, pointed out the difference between the place where he dwelt and the godown in which he worked. "Here is where you house your goods; your men are not so well housed." Such conditions are fertile soil for whatever labour agitation there may be and the essential thing is for employers to remove just cause for complaint. This is a wide statement, and fraught with tremendous difficulty—but in the face of real danger of industrial upheaval must be faced. There is more than theory in the statement that the contented workman is an asset; in these days he is a necessity for the continuity of industry. Questions of wages, hours, education, facilities, sanitary provision—all have been the subject of experiment elsewhere, and could be tried in Shanghai even at this moment in a sincere effort to allay disturbance.

Direct Touch With Labour.

Whether the employer is Chinese or foreign, the whole contact of the employer with his workers in Shanghai is through compradors.—*(Continued on page 12.)*

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YESTERDAY'S DISTRIBUTION
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The annual distribution of certificates and prizes of the French Convent School of Causeway Bay, took place yesterday afternoon, but owing to the recent death of the Rev. Mother Felicie, the function was a private and quiet one. His Lordship Bishop H. Valtorta kindly gave away the prizes in the presence of Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools), the Mother Superior of the School and the staff.

In a few appropriate words, his Lordship encouraged the pupils to do their best while receiving their education at the Convent, reminding them that true education does not consist only of instruction of the mind, but especially of the cultivation of the character and of the heart. He added that perhaps many would not be fortunate enough to win certificates and prizes, but they could all profit by the lessons taught them while at school and could thus render themselves useful and worthy citizens.

After the distribution of certificates, Mr. Ralphs thanked his Lordship for distributing the awards, congratulated the pupils on their success and, in agreement with the teachers, granted the pupils a holiday.

The report for the past year was read as follows:

The Year's Work.

The enrolment and general attendance during the past year have been, as usual, very satisfactory. The children evidently enjoy coming to school and are certainly less keen on holidays nowadays than in former times. This is probably due to the more interesting work done in the school at the present day.

The Preparatory Class for Chinese students has been particularly well patronized during the year, and the progress made by these pupils in the English language was very remarkable.

Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English schools, made his annual inspection in November last, and his remarks in his report on the school were encouraging both to pupils and teachers.

The building he found excellent, and the discipline and general tone of the school were also excellent.

Dr. Strahan and Dr. Thomas conducted inspections during the year and their reports show that the children were in perfectly good health.

English, both spoken and written, was generally good, and showed improvement throughout. As script writing has been adopted in all the classes, an improvement is shown in the hand-writing, which will, no doubt, in time, reach a high standard.

Geographical maps and drawing (in its various branches) were very good and the needlework excellent throughout.

Concluding his report, Mr. Ralphs remarked that the school was continuing to do very useful and satisfactory work.

Examination Results.

One candidate was presented for the Matriculation, and passed. This pupil also obtained the H. K. Government Scholarship. Last year a pupil from this school, Miss Agnes Pau, also won the same scholarship, and both these students have now entered the University.

Five students passed the Senior local, Miss Yvonne Phalavasus obtaining Honours, and distinction in English, French, and needlework.

Six pupils passed the Junior local with distinction in various subjects. Miss Lily Chue was the winner of the Lugard Scholarship for the year 1927.

During the year the school was honoured by visits from Lady Clementi, His Lordship Bishop Valtorta, Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, the Revd. Mother Visitatrice from France, Mrs. E. P. Minnett and others and the very special interest shown by these

kind visitors in the work of the school was gratefully appreciated by the Mother Superior and Staff.

When the school broke up for the Xmas holidays, a little Xmas party was held in each class, and the pupils received agreeable and useful presents, which were very kindly provided by generous benefactors of the school.

The Revd. Mother and Sisters wish to tender grateful thanks to these kind benefactors; also to Mrs. C. Montague Ede, who graciously provided special prizes for the successful University students; to Mr. Ho Kam-tong for providing a special cup for progress in English in the Chinese Preparatory Class; and to all those kind friends who have contributed towards obtaining suitable rewards for the pupils, who have endeavoured to distinguish themselves by their good conduct and assiduity.

Certificates and Prizes.

University Matriculation Certificate, (Silver cup and prize): Miss Julia Lam.

Senior Local Certificates and prizes: Yvonne Phalavasus (Senior certificate with honours and distinction in English, French and Needlework, and first prize); May O. Hoy, Lily Shearer, Audrey Sael, Lina Silva Netto. (Senior certificates and prizes).

Junior Local certificates and prizes: Caecilia Phalavasus (distinction in Biblical knowledge), Rose Perry (distinction in stenography), Alma O. Hoy (distinction in Biblical knowledge), Ruth Nergaard, Aley Cheng, Bessie Cheng.

School certificates of merit and prizes: Margaret Hudson, Rosie Li, Sylvia Heyshing, Ayesha Dyer.

Prizes: Dorothy Hirschberg, Mary Young, Violet Hudson, Mary Addison, Mary Lamb, Daisy Wong, Lugard Scholarship and prize; Lily Chue.

COMMUNIST
PROPAGANDA.GOVERNMENT ACTION
ANTICIPATED.

London, Feb. 22. It is learned that Government action regarding Communist propaganda, will probably take place in the form of a note of protest, the terms of which will be discussed at the next Cabinet meeting, though the degree of severity will probably be a matter for debate some time. —Reuter.

Anti-Soviet Campaign.

Moscow, Feb. 22. Addressing the Central Executive Committee, M. Litvinoff said: Influential ex-Tsarist officials living in London were behind the anti-Soviet campaign in Britain. He asserted that the British Government invariably declined to supply concrete facts on which its accusations were based. —Reuter.

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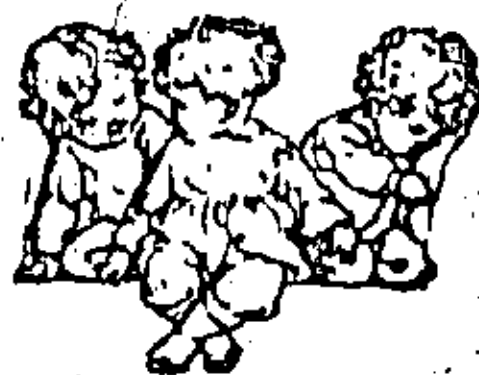
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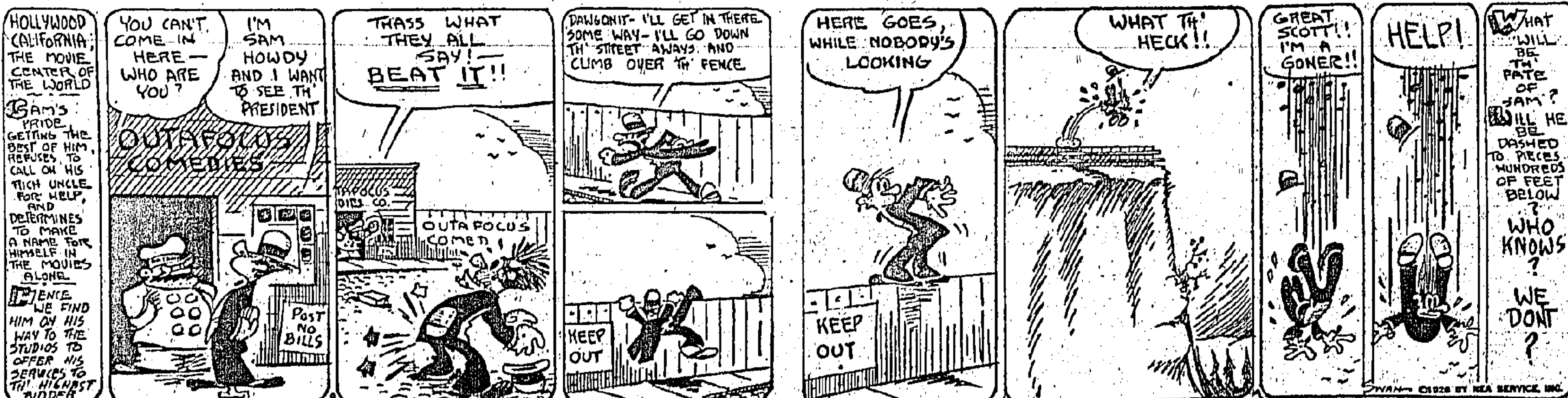
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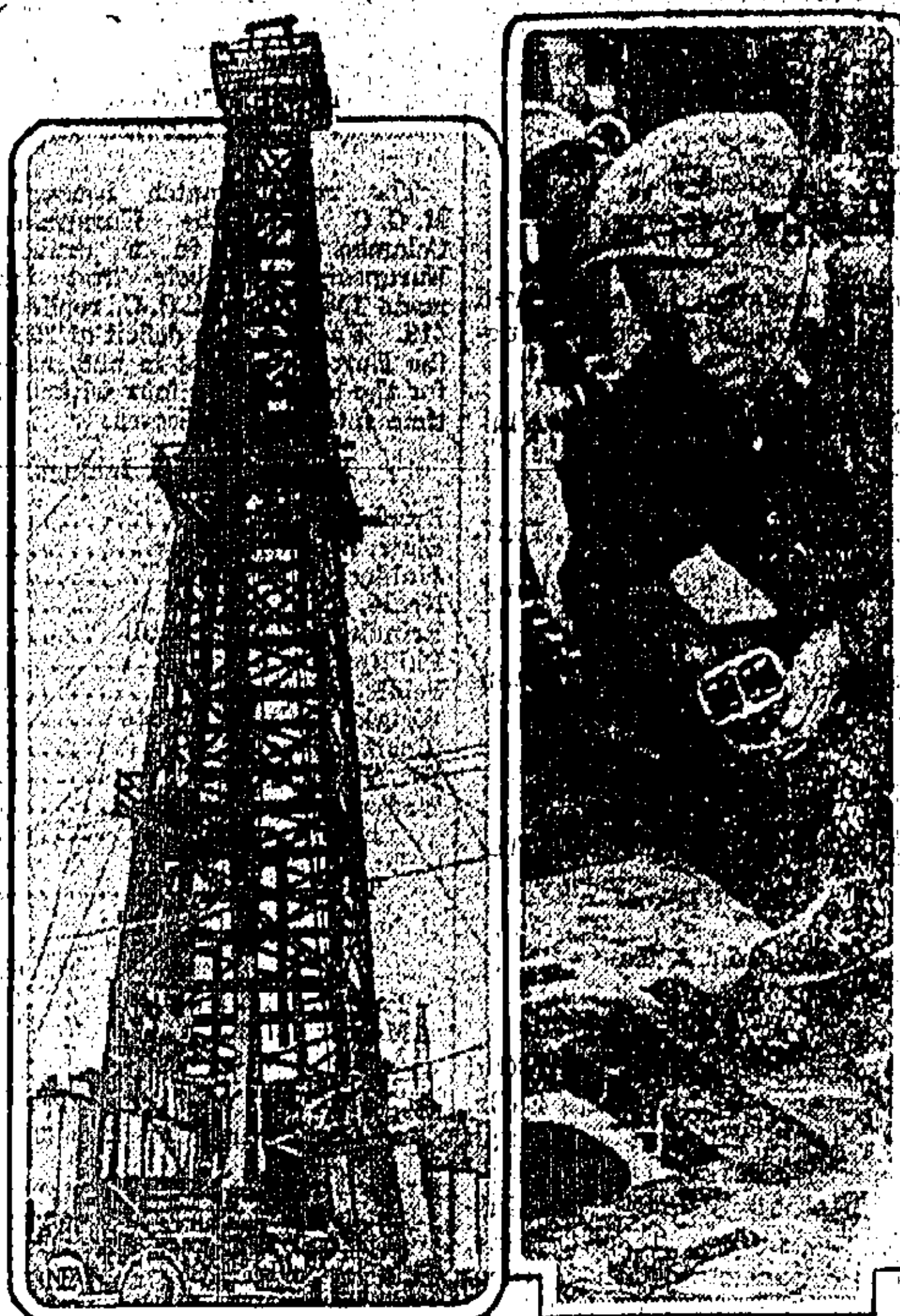
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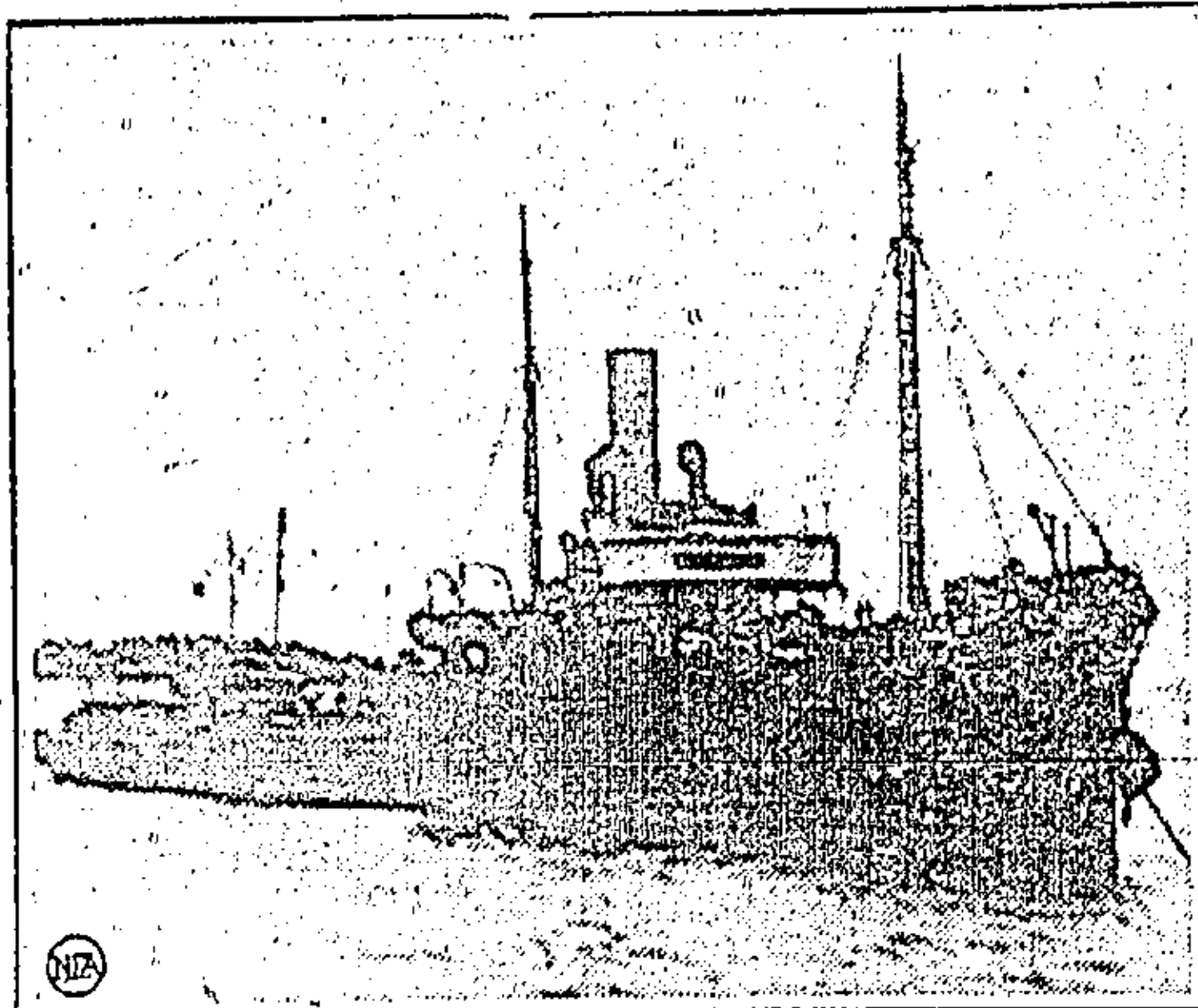


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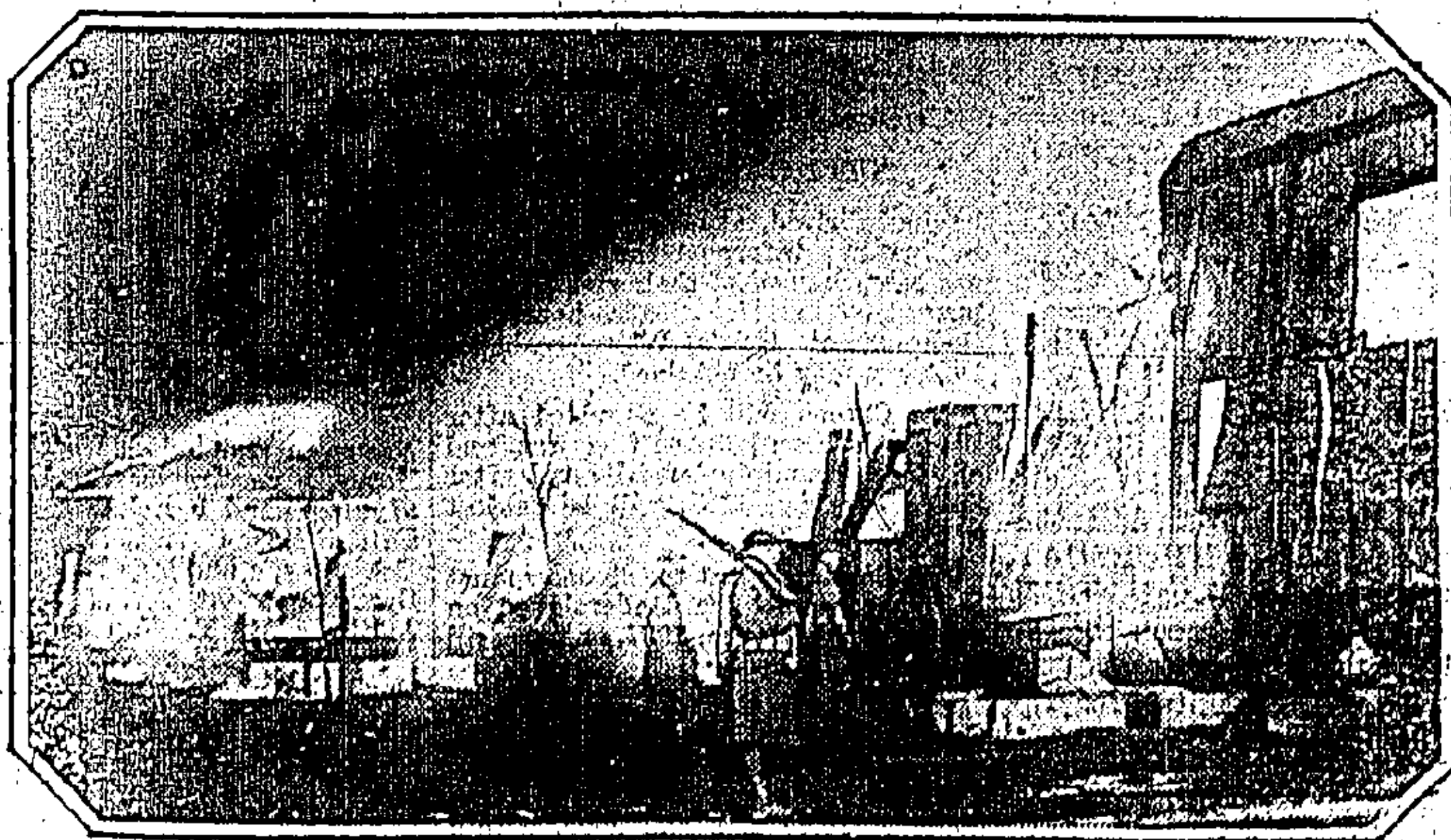
WORLD'S DEEPEST OIL WELL.—At the left is the derrick which towers over the "Olinda No. 96," the world's deepest oil well, situated in California. At the right is A. E. Spear examining the special drill which has eaten its way down 8,046 feet—nearly a mile and a half.



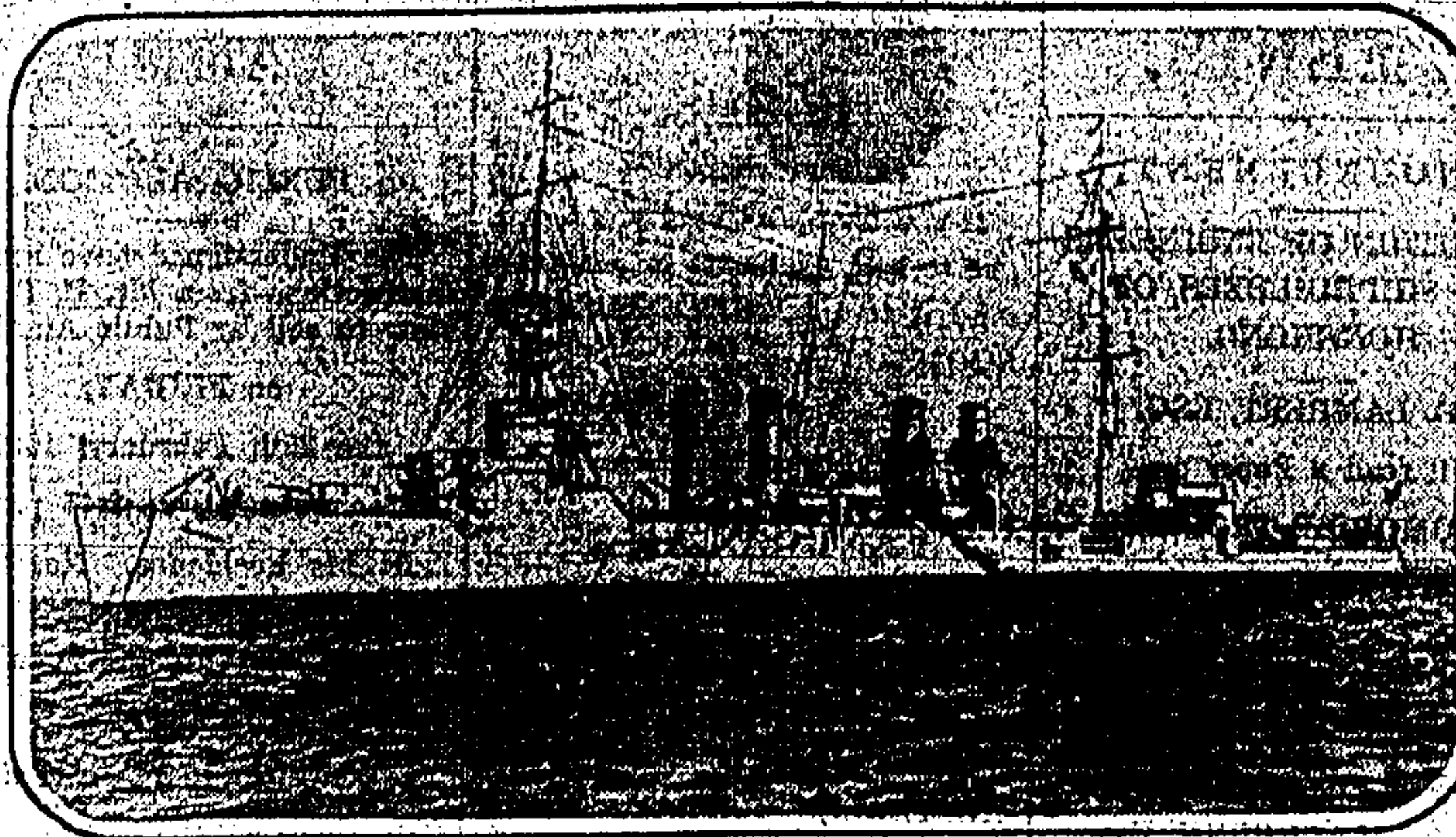
GUN-RUNNING?—Believed to be running guns to the Sacas Liberals in Nicaragua, the s.s. Clara Mathieu was detained at New Bedford, by United States Coast Guards.



HIT BY TAXES.—Three titled Britishers who are feeling the effect of high taxation. Left to right they are: Lord Herbert, Earl of Pembroke; Lord Torrington and the Earl of Kinnoull.



FLAMES MENACE ARMY HEADQUARTERS.—Soldiers, coast guards and firemen worked five hours to subdue flames which threatened the Second Army Corps headquarters at Governor's Island, New York, while destroying four old barrack buildings. A dozen men were slightly injured or overcome by smoke. The fire's damage was estimated at \$100,000.



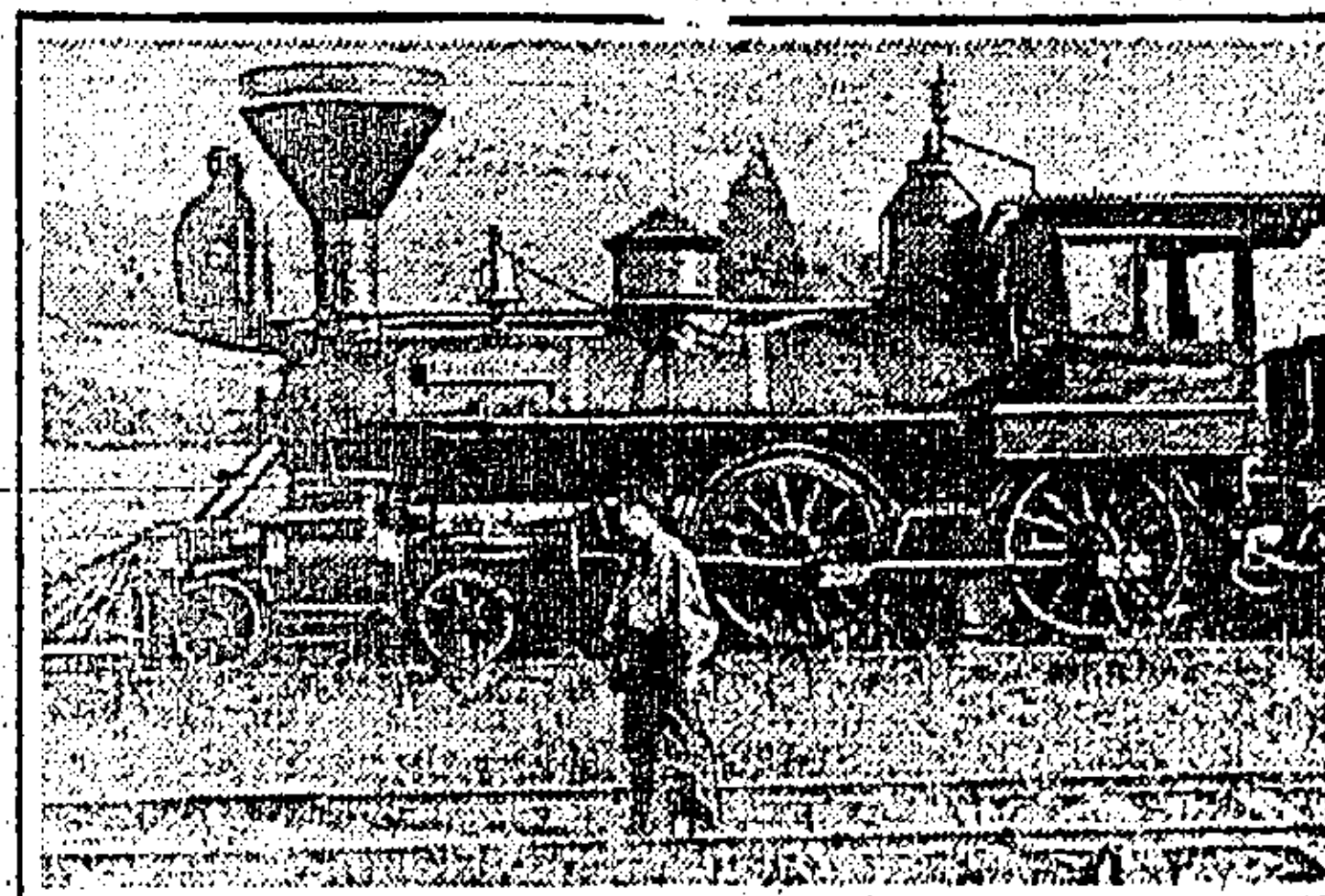
FOR NICARAGUA.—Pictured above is the slender, speedy U.S.A. Cincinnati, detailed for service in Nicaragua.



AIDS CONSERVATIVES.—The above picture, taken during a previous Nicaraguan revolution, shows General Saenz (fourth from left), and his staff. In the present trouble, he is allied with the government of Diaz.



TOM MIX.—A recent picture of Tom Mix, the noted cinema actor.



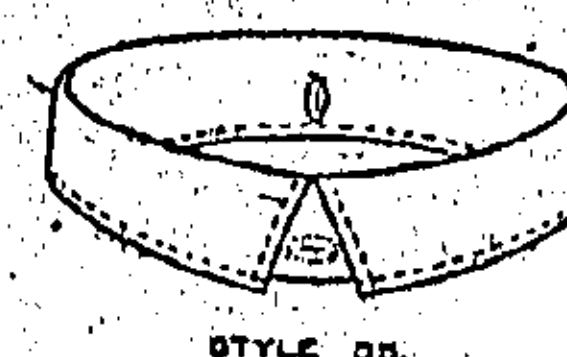
IRON WARHORSE OF '61.—Buster Keaton and "the General," famous engine of Civil War incident, in which he is to have the rarest role of his career in a costly and elaborate comedy.



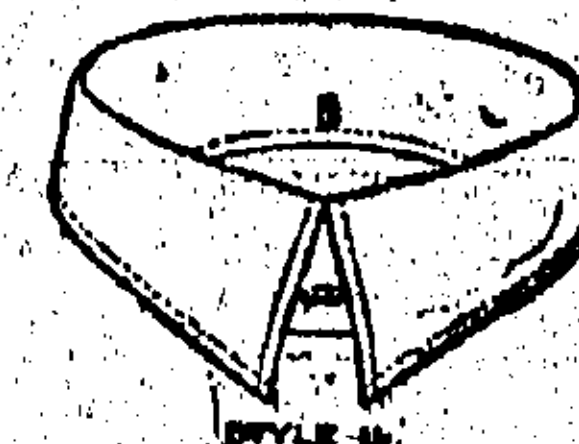
SKI-JUMPING CHAMPIONS.—Karl Moen, of Three Rivers, Canada (below), flying to victory in the Open Amateur Ski-Jumping Competition at Quebec. Above is Miss Isabella Coursier, of Montreal, world's champion woman jumper, who was one of the contestants.

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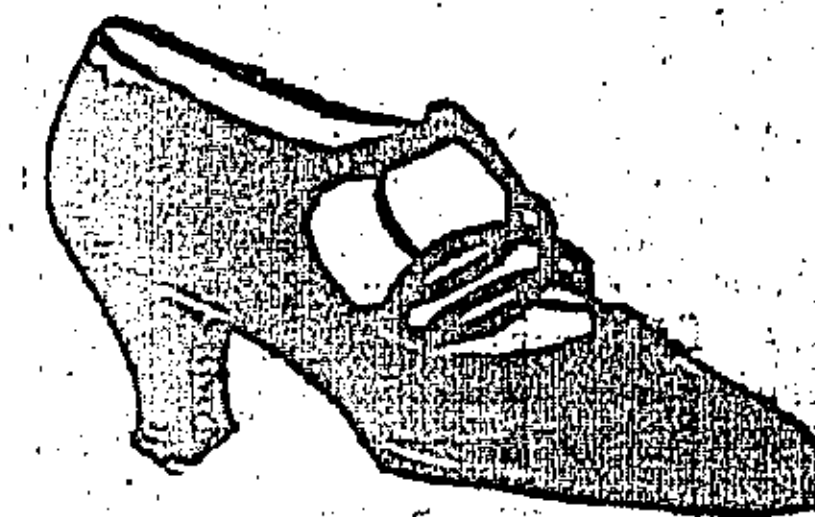
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L. E. LONGBOTTOM,
Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB DERBY SWEEP.

The Non-Selling Lottery on "The Hongkong Derby" will be drawn in the Hongkong Club Stand at the Race Course, on Saturday, 26th February, 1927, at 3 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

CYMBEITHAS DEWI SANT (HONGKONG).

(ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, HONGKONG.)

The Annual Dinner of the Society will take place at the Hotel Savoy on Tuesday, March 1st, 1927, at 7.45 p.m. Tickets \$5.00 each. Members are invited to attend and bring guests, and are requested to inform the undersigned as soon as possible of the number names and addresses of their guests, and to forward at the same time the cost of the tickets.

G. S. HUGH-JONES,
Hon. Secretary,
9, Queen's Road C.

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C. D. LAMBERT, ESQ.

will read a Paper on "AUTOMOBILE TROUBLES AND HOW TO AVOID THEM"

on Friday, 25th February, 1927, at 5.45 p.m.

Chairman,

L. J. BLACKBURN, Esq., Vice President.

Members and their friends are cordially invited to be present.

A. LANDSBERT,
Hon. Secretary.

THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, HONGKONG.

Next Term begins on Tuesday, March 1st, at 9 a.m.

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Sealed Tenders will be received at the Office of D.A.D.O.S., SOUTH CHINA COMMAND, Ordinance Office, Queen's Road East, until 12 noon, 26th February, 1927, for the supply of 9,500 Stretcher Beds, to be delivered before 15th March, 1927.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 19, Des Voeux Road Central, at 3.30 p.m. Saturday, February 26th, 1927, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 19th February to Saturday, 26th February, 1927, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order
of Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1927.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Eighth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on SATURDAY, 5th March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 21st February to 5th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order
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Hongkong, 23rd Feb., 1927.

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RACE MEETING 1927.

28th February, 1st, 2nd, and 5th March.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members, who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, February 26th, 1927, at a cost of \$10.—each per day or \$30.—for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4.—per day.—Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3.—per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.—per day.

Admission by ticket only.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. B. P. Winslow to sell by Public Auction,

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 26th February, 1927, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from Monday, the 14th February to Saturday, the 26th February, 1927, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of share can be registered.

By Order
of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, February 24th, 1927, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, February 14th, 1927, to Thursday, February 24th, 1927, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order
of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 6th, 1927.

M. C. C. TOUR.

HIGH SCORING IN CEYLON.

The recent match between the M.C.C. and the Europeans in Colombo ended in a draw. The Europeans in their first innings made 154. The M.C.C. replied with 49. Faced with a deficit of 205 runs the Europeans went in and made 194 for the loss of only four wickets when time intervened. Scores:

Europeans 1st Innings.	
Brooke, b Mercer	1
Blair, c Hill, b Tate	1
Wallock, b Mercer	0
Neale, c and b Astill	76
Brindley, c Hill b Astill	17
Phillips, lbw b Astill	13
Seidle, b Tate	4
Wright, c Wyatt, b Tate	4
Sinclair, lbw b Astill	28
Dr. Nicholls, not out	8
Wedlake, lbw b Astill	0
Extras	7
Total	154

Bowling.	
Tate	15 4 30 3
Mercer	22 7 39 2
Astill	21.2 7 54 5
Boyes	11 3 24 0
Europeans 2nd Innings.	
Brooke, c Hill, b Wyatt	26
Blair, not out	24
Wallock, b Earle	25
Brindley, c Earle, b Eckersley	31
Phillips, c Wyatt, b Eckersley	11
Extras	7
Total (for 4 wickets)	194

Bowling.	
Tate	7 2 16 0
Wyatt	12 1 53 1
Astill	8 0 29 0
Boyes	4 0 14 0
Eckersley	0.4 1 57 2
Earle	7 1 18 1

M. C. C. 1st Innings.	
Sandham, lbw b Wedlake Lewis	51
Wyatt, c Seidle, b Brindley	76
Tate, b Lewis	0
Eckersley, b Lewis	1
Parsons, c Blair, b Lewis	67
Astill, c Sinclair, b Lewis	66
Gilligan, b Sinclair	86
Earle, c Neale, b Sinclair	38
Seidle, c Brooke, b Nicholls	18
Hill not out	34
Mercer, c Lewis, b Nicholls	17
Extras	25
Total	419

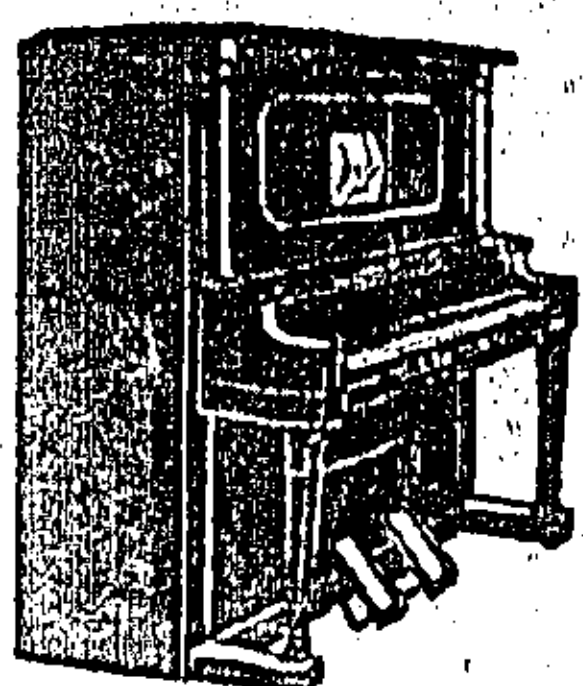
Bowling.	
Brindley	27 3 100 1
Wedlake Lewis	23 3 87 5
Sinclair	22 3 86 2
Seidle	17 3 73 0
Nicholls	13.2 2 48 2

M. C. C. V. CEYLONESE.

Another High Score.

The match between the M.C.C. and the Ceylonese also ended in a draw, time saving the Ceylonese from a crushing defeat. Scores:

Astill		
M. K. Albert, run out		1
C. T. Van Geyzel, lbw b Tate		1
Dr. Gunasekera, c Wyatt, b Tate		1
Horan, b Astill		1
D. L. de Saram, b Geary		16
Kelnart, b Astill		24
V. S. de Kretser, c and b Boyes		21
Perisampnayagam, c Brown, b Astill		56
R. M. de Silva, not out		13
Senaratne, lbw b Boyes		1
Extras		17
Total		161

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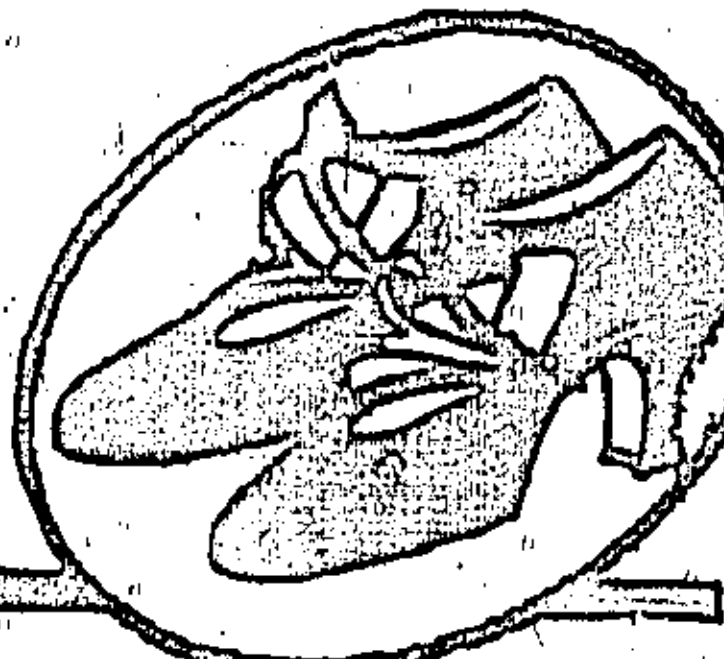
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The military authorities have approached the Committee of the Diocesan Boys' School with a view to taking over the School and Grounds temporarily for a hospital. Arrangements for this have been made and from March 1st, until further notice is given the School will carry on its work, temporarily, in ten houses which the Committee have taken on Nathan Road, Kowloon.

The matter has been very carefully considered by the School Committee and by the Military Authorities.

The School has rented temporarily ten large three storied houses at the end of Nathan Road, Kowloon. Five of the houses will be used for the Boarders and the Resident Staff and five for the School. In each house there are three large rooms and three smaller rooms opening into each other. Government water is being laid on and in addition the Flush System is installed on each floor of all the ten houses. The Houses were built in 1925-1926 for European occupation and stand in the centre of a large area of land on which the Military Authorities have agreed to fence in a Recreation Ground and to form two tennis courts. The Military Authorities have also agreed to meet any reasonable expenditure to make the houses as suitable as possible under the circumstances for educational purposes. No other houses adjoin these ten houses nor are there any houses near to them. Next term begins on Tuesday March 1st. New boys should attend on Monday, February 28th, at 9 a.m.

Good Site.

What the School loses the Military Authorities gain. For the purposes of a Hospital there is no better site for more easily adaptable building in the Colony than the Diocesan Boys' School. The large Hall 100 by 50 feet, the Cover Flatground, 100 by 70 feet, the Dormitories, 84 by 22 feet, the Dining Room 66 by 32 feet, the large store and Locker Rooms, the general style of the building and the extensive grounds will be of exceptional value for the purposes which the Military Authorities have in view. A great debt of thanks, and, we hope, something more, will be due to the School. An expression of thankfulness and at the same time a word of sympathy is due to the Committee, the Headmaster and the donor to the Scheme for the New School, who so fearlessly and admirably planned such a fine modern building on a site which was described by the Bishop of London as, from the point of view of the work of a school, one of the finest sites he had seen in the world. It is hoped that the occupation of the School by the Military Authorities will only be for a few months. In view of the troubles in the neighbouring country the School expected to be very full this year. Parents and guardians can be assured that the Committee and the Headmaster will make the best arrangement possible for carrying on the school.

It is fortunate that alternative premises have been found so near to the school, at a place which is reasonably accessible and where one block of five houses, can be used as a Hostel for the Boarders, and the other block of five houses for the School.

It is understood that an Appeal for Funds was about to be made in England, in Hongkong and in the Far East. The School feels that it cannot make this appeal now. The money was wanted to pay off a large loan which it received recently to help it when, owing to local financial conditions during the past eighteen months, the buyer of the old site was not able to pay up the balance of the purchase money.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



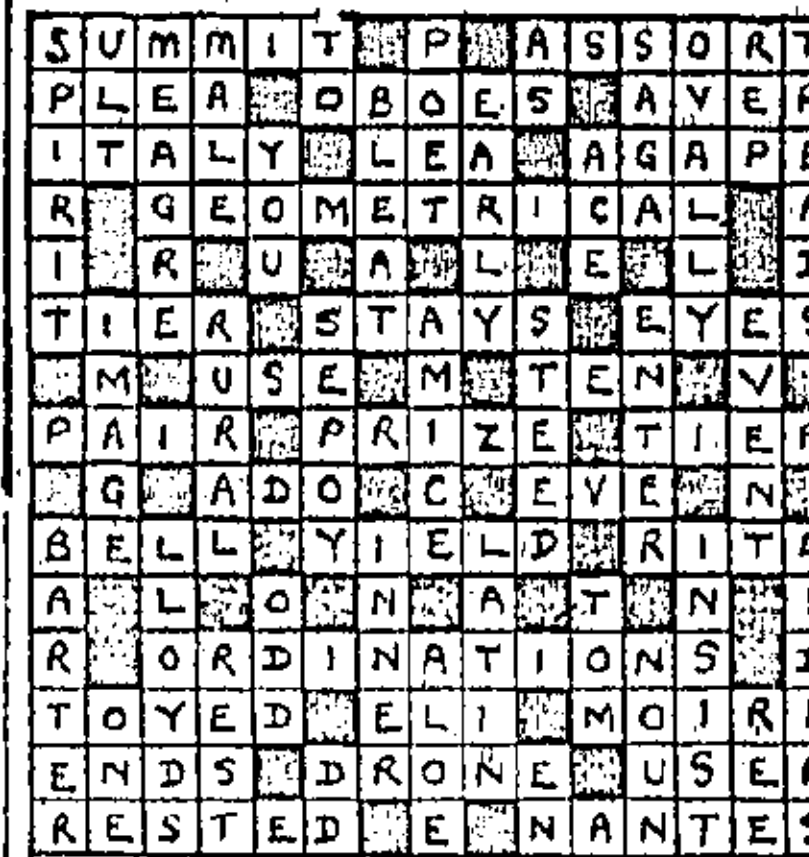
Across.

- 1 Instruments of speech.
- 4 Read through.
- 9 Whole.
- 10 Derivative smiles.
- 11 Perceive.
- 13 Sleeping.
- 15 Sopranos.
- 17 A pupil.
- 19 Within.
- 20 Like.
- 22 Slope.
- 23 A mark.
- 25 Personal pronoun.
- 27 Indicates learning.
- 30 Greatly effective.
- 33 Physicians.
- 34 Filters.
- 35 To swallow.
- 37 Artificial water-ways.
- 38 Renowned.
- 39 In a mean manner.
- 40 Urges.

Down.

- 1 A day of the week.
- 2 Personal character.
- 3 Having appearance only.
- 5 One who runs.
- 6 Piffers.
- 7 Cones.
- 8 Knot.
- 11 A Christian name (abb.).
- 12 Famous volcano.

- 14 Correlative of nor.
- 16 Not falling off (Bot.).
- 18 To stop running water.
- 21 To add to.
- 24 A small quantity.
- 26 Otherwise.
- 27 Cloudy matter.
- 28 Helps.
- 29 Perfumes.
- 30 One who drudges.
- 31 Fat.
- 32 Juniors.
- 36 A high mountain.



SHANGHAI STRIKE.

SITUATION IS A LITTLE
BRIGHTER.

Shanghai, Feb. 22.

It is estimated that there are still 100,000 labourers striking, but with a partial resumption of the postal service, with all the International Settlement buses and nearly all the trams running, the situation is a little brighter, despite the fact the local shipping is virtually tied up.

A proclamation by the Chinese Defence Commissioner which was posted up at the main post office that any employees not returning to work would be executed ended all picketing and also brought back many strikers.

Executions which are continuing, although on a smaller scale, have been effective in bringing back the rank and file to work, but have greatly increased the activities of the agitators who are directing affairs from the Settlement.

U. S. AND CHINA.

SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS
SUGGESTED.

Washington, Feb. 22.

The House of Representatives by a vote of 269 to 44 have passed a resolution recommending President Coolidge to negotiate with China "independently of other nations." The resolution has been sent to the Senate.

Reuter's American Service.

ILLEGAL STILL.

ILLEGAL TRADING IN
CHINESE SPIRITS.

The discovery and subsequent seizure of an illegal still, which although it had only apparently been put into use on one occasion, has terminated the venture of a wine merchant in Chinese spirits, which had been carried on at Cheung Sha Wan for some time.

During the raid made by a party of Revenue officers under Chief Preventive Officer Clarke, at an unnumbered shop in Cheung Sha Wan last Saturday night, a new still was found on the premises and 27 gallons of liquor, of which six gallons had already been bottled while the remainder was still in large jars, were alleged to have been exposed for sale in the shop.

C. P. O. Clarke prosecuted the master of the shop before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court on charges of being in unlawful possession of a still (2) exposing unlicensed liquor for sale and (3) with keeping dutiable liquor in an unlicensed warehouse.

On his Worship convicting, C. P. O. Clarke said that his department took a serious view of the case, for, as his Worship probably knew, the duty on liquor had been doubled during recent years and unless a heavy fine was imposed, illicit distilling would not be checked as it would pay the men to evade the authorities.

His Worship imposed fines amounting to \$225 on the three charges.

Three defendants at Old-street Police Court were each fined 10s. 6d. and 10s. 6d. costs for working wireless sets without licenses.

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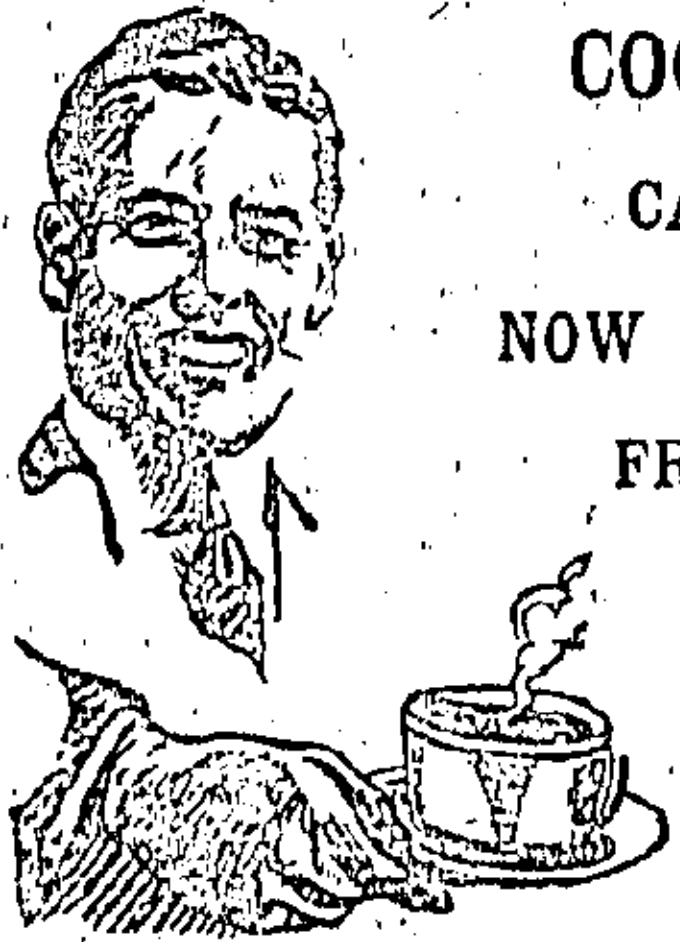
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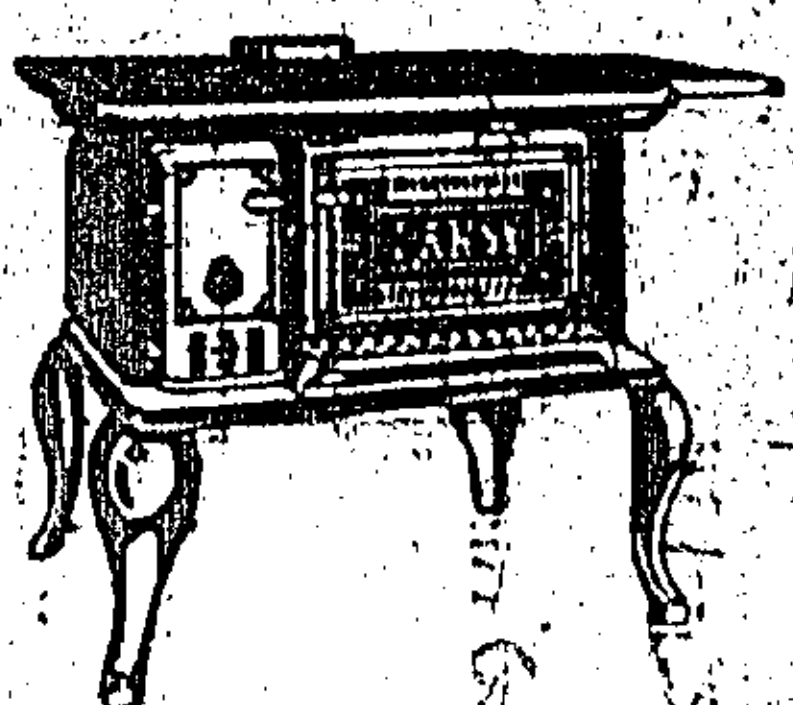
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The Hongkong Telegraph

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1927.

BRITAIN'S POLICY.

There are two outstanding points which emerge from the statements made in the House of Commons on Monday by Sir Austen Chamberlain in answer to many questions relating to the China problem and crisis, and these two points are: (1) That Britain must reserve her full rights and liberties as regards the sending of sufficient troops to Shanghai to protect British lives; and (2) that Britain intends to follow the policy she recently laid down of dealing with whatever Chinese authorities may be exercising *de facto* control in the districts in which negotiations are called for.

Regarding the first of these points, the British Government will have behind it the unanimous support of all Britishers in the Far East and also the support of the vast majority of Britishers at Home and in other parts of the British Empire. Mr. Eugene Chen may think it necessary to enter the formal objection that the landing of British troops at Shanghai "is without legal justification," but one suspects that he is indulging in his old habit of playing with words when he so writes. At any rate, his signing of the agreement consequent upon Britain's modification of the original plan of concentration indicates that his objection now has no obstructive reality and, like a presiding Justice in a court of law, we may consent to take note of the objection but proceed with the business in hand, nevertheless. It has previously been asserted that a State has full right to take whatever steps are necessary to preserve the lives of its nationals and, in pursuance of that almost primordial prerogative, Britain will send to Shanghai whatever armed forces are considered necessary by her expert advisers on the spot. There can be no giving way on that stand, and it is of value to have had it re-asserted by the British Foreign Minister in so clear a manner.

As regards the second point, in which Britain retains her freedom

to negotiate with either side and with whatever local authorities are exercising *de facto* control, it must be borne in mind that if Britain adopted any other stand she would be cut off from negotiations with Peking and would be committing an act of discrimination in China's civil war wholly at variance with the avowed policy of years. Britain's *modus operandi*, i.e., that of dealing with *de facto* authorities in any part of China, is the one which has led to our having any dealings with the Nationalist Government at all, for it must never be forgotten that in the international courts of the world the Nationalist Government has no legal standing. It has never been formally "recognised" by any of the Powers and there not a few Powers other than Britain who look askance at Britain's temerity at having anything at all to do with the Nationalists in an official way. It was because all hope of a unified China under one central authority seemed so unlikely of materialising that Britain—eager to do all possible to meet the legitimate aspirations of the Chinese people in whatever quarter expressed—took up the attitude that it would be better to do something in several places than nothing anywhere. And now the Nationalists, with brazen immodesty, as a glance at the map will prove, assert that Britain should have no dealings with anyone excepting themselves, and that they cannot recognise any of the agreements that might be come to elsewhere than with them. Britain, of course, cannot make such a partisan departure from her policy of neutrality and we are pleased to see that a direct intimation has been made to Mr. O'Malley from the Foreign Office to this effect for communication to the Nationalists.

So there are now at least two very important points on which policy has been clarified into definite pronouncements.

Mud-Slingers.

With the return of a well-known Chinese Communist to Canton and the arrival there of a group of foreign extremists who are said to be delegates of the Third International, "Red" agitation appears to be reviving in that city. We have had an opportunity of reading some of the remarks made at gatherings of welcome to these delegates, and so far as the British and American representatives are concerned we can only say that their orations are of the most infamous character imaginable. The Britisher, Mr. Tom Mann who is described as the honorary president of the National Victory Movement of Great Britain professed to speak for the "revolutionary proletariat of Great Britain." His utterance, as reported in a Canton journal, was of the most offensive nature, and he belittled his country to such an extent that even his Chinese hearers, if they understood his remarks, must have wondered that anyone could so far forget his nationality as to indulge in such observations. The American, whose name is given as Earl Browder, (Mr. presumably), was scarcely less violent in denunciation of his own country and people. It is people of this type who do such tremendous harm by helping to spread utterly lying and fallacious statements on foreign policy, with the essentials of which they can have very little knowledge. At the moment like the present, when there is so much anti-foreign feeling in China, such speeches as we have referred to cannot but have the effect of aggravating the situation, and individuals like Browder and Mann deserve all the opprobrium that rightly belongs to professional mischiefmakers. A very heavy responsibility rests on them for making such inflammatory declarations at a time like the present.

Passengers, departing yesterday by S.S. Shinyo Maru for San Francisco via ports included Mr. C.B. SLANK, Revd. and Mrs. J.A. Mowatt, Mr. H. Landis, Revd. G.H. and Mrs. Watkin, Major General and Mrs. R.W. Gowan.

DAY BY DAY.

WHEN WE READ THE LIVES OF DISTINGUISHED MEN, WE FIND THEM ALMOST ALWAYS CELEBRATED FOR THE AMOUNT OF LABOUR THEY COULD PERFORM.—*Everett.*

A further British case of typhoid was notified yesterday.

The Empress of Asia, is due here at 3 p.m. to-morrow and will berth at Kowloon Wharf, Pier No. 6.

For the theft of several blocks of wood from Murray Barracks, where building alterations are being carried out, a Chinese was given a sentence of ten days' hard labour, by Mr. R. E. Lindsall at the Central Police Court to-day.

A military cart being drawn along by a mule in Queen's Road, West, yesterday, swerved as the animal shied and bucked, and one of the wheels knocked down a Chinese woman. She received injuries which caused her removal to hospital.

In attempting to capture a Japanese spaniel which was found straying unmuzzled, on the Peak, a police constable was bitten on both hands. The dog was eventually seized and removed to Kennedy Town, while the constable was sent to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

Charged with possession of stolen rice, a Chinese coolie to-day swore that it represented sweepings from the deck of a cargo-steamer. Inspector Grant stated that the rice was clean, and, moreover, the quantity was too large to have been gathered in the manner stated. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

The case at the Criminal Sessions, before Mr. Justice Nihil, in which two Chinese were indicted in connection with an attack on a waitress, was concluded yesterday afternoon. Both men were found guilty of robbery and were sentenced to two years' hard labour and twelve strokes with the "cat."

Undue haste to get out of a tramcar brought about a serious mishap to a Chinese woman at Des Voeux Road, Central, yesterday evening. Before the car had come to a stop, the woman jumped out from the third-class compartment, lost her balance and fell, receiving injuries to the head. She was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Friends, European as well as Chinese, will regret to learn the sad news of the death of Mr. Lum Teat-yan, late sub-manager of The Sincere Co., Ltd. of Hongkong. His funeral took place yesterday attended by some three hundred persons, and The Sincere Co.'s store, with flag at half-mast, was closed in sympathy, while the coffin passed by. Mr. Lum was a returned student from America and has been connected with The Sincere Co. for eight years.

CURIOUS MISHAP.

MOTOR WHEEL HITS NAVAL MAN.

A curious accident occurred recently near the Naval Yard, as a result of which a naval man was admitted into hospital with injuries to his shoulder. The accident was not reported to the police and the precise details were not disclosed until the arrest of a motor-car driver who was concerned in the case.

Traffic Department Officers at the Central Magistracy yesterday, in proceeding against the driver on a charge of failure to report the accident, stated that one of the wheels of the car came off while it was proceeding along Queen's Road, near the Naval Yard. The wheel rolled against the edge of the kerb and bounced up from the resultant contact, hitting a naval man who was walking along the pavement. The sailor's collarbone was fractured, and he had to be admitted to hospital.

The defendant pleaded that no complaint from the victim had been made, nor was compensation asked for.

Inspector Alexander said the police were charging defendant only with failing to report the accident.

Major C. Willson registered a conviction on this charge and mulcted the defendant in a fine of \$5.

SCOTTISH VOLUNTEERS.

A SINGAPORE QUERY.

A correspondent, signing himself "Shorts," writes in the *Straits Times* as follows:

Whenever the Singapore Volunteer Corps parades in public one is impressed by the big turn out of members of the kilted company and thinks what a fine patriotic lot of men Scotsmen are. Inquiry, however, shows that quite a lot of these men are not Scotsmen at all, have no connection with that portion of Britain and very often have not even been there. If you ask why they joined a company which is supposed to be for Scotsmen only they treat the question as a joke. One can only suppose that they are attracted by the decorative clothes supplied to the men of C. Company.

This is all very well but not good enough. A kilted company confined to Scotsmen is an excellent idea, if Scotsmen like to make themselves distinctive, but if enlistment is open to all and sundry the thing is merely ridiculous. One would think the officers of the company would be the first to protest against such foolery, or are they obsessed by the fetish of a fine parade strength?

There is also a monetary side to the question. These kilts and other distinctive gear must cost more than the cheap and serviceable shorts, so a member of the Scottish Company must be a more expensive item than a member of a less decorative unit. It is not a large item, and no one objects to a Scottish Company for Scotsmen only, if they prefer to do their Volunteering this way, but why spend money to dress up men who have no right there?

I think the joke has gone far enough. The officers of the S. V. C. should refuse to countenance a foolish masquerade.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A RECITAL.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—In connection with the Y.M.C.A. campaign for raising funds on behalf of the Services in Hongkong, an interesting event is taking place next week which, apart from its charitable purpose, merits the attention of the public.

Miss Nora Moon, the distinguished English soprano, who is here on a short holiday from Shanghai, is giving a recital at the Helena May Institute on March 3rd, at 5.30 p.m., the entire proceeds of which will be devoted to the Y.M.C.A. Services Fund.

Miss Nora Moon won the King's Scholarship and the Courtney Scholarship at the Royal College of Music, where she became the favourite protégée of Sir Charles Stanford and also studied under eminent musicians like Parry, Bridge and Parry. She made her debut at an early age and on her first appearance in London received unanimous acclamation at the hands of the critics, not only as a singer but as an artist of great promise and versatility. Numerous press cuttings from such papers as the *Standard*, *Telegraph*, *Referee*, *Musical Standard*, etc., tell of the enthusiasm with which she was received, whether in operatic arias, oratorio, German lieder or English songs.

After appearances in leading roles with the British National Opera Co., she accepted an engagement to sing arias at the Mosses and Stoll Empires throughout Great Britain, during the War, and though, as she says, she was frankly scared to follow a red-nosed comedian who warbled "Why did the sausage bark at father," with some of the greatest arias written, she had an outstanding success and brought the audience at the London Coliseum to its feet.

By a lucky chance, Miss Nora Moon is for the moment in Hongkong. It is for music-lovers to seize the opportunity of hearing her. They will also be enabled to hear a talented violinist, Miss Vera Godson, who is also making only a short stay here and will appear twice on the programme at the recital.

The 42 tickets, which are limited to 200, are obtainable at the Helena May Institute.—Yours, etc., A. M. BOWES-SMITH.

After playing 31 matches in England, Wales and France, the Maori Rugby footballers left Epsom for Liverpool, where they boarded the liner *Marloch* for Canada. During their tour they won 22 games, lost seven and drew two.

The Very Idea!

The teacher had been giving a lesson on the reindeer—its haunts, habits, and uses. One little chap was not paying the slightest attention, so the teacher pounced on him.

"Now, what is the use of the reindeer?" she asked him. The startled youngster looked up, paused, and then replied:—"Please, ma'am, it makes things grow."

Miss Edith Gertrude Knight, of Bruton, Somerset, the first woman to take the degree of bachelor of veterinary science at the only British university that grants the degree, was loudly cheered when it was bestowed upon her at Liverpool University.

She is a slim woman of twenty-nine, and wore plus-fours and a Norfolk jacket under her robes.

"She has dressed like a boy since she was eighteen, when she took up farming and veterinary work," said her father, the headmaster of Sexey's School, Bruton. "She has always been a great hunter, and has tremendous power over a difficult horse."

After taking a diploma in agriculture at Reading University seven years ago she began as a cowman on a farm at Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, and in two years rose to be manager.

"I intend to take up veterinary surgery as a career," she said, "and shall probably become assistant to a veterinary surgeon at Hereford."

The doctor said, "You oughta drink hot water every day." That's why the man drinks coffee. In a very cheap cafe.

Lambeth witness: When he saw us coming he increased his footsteps.

Willenden magistrate: Are you on good terms with your wife? Husband: Excellent; I have seen her quite twice within the last month.

Wife at Tottenham: I asked my husband for a present and he boxed my ears.

Mr. W. Mason, of Coventry, who is seventy-one years old, won the final of the Christmas swimming handicap at Coventry Baths. "I had to give twenty yards to my nearest competitor," said Mr. Mason. "And I was old enough to be the grandfather of some of them."

"And to whom does this lovely violin belong?" asked the visiting lady of the cottager's wife.

"That's my man's," replied the woman, "he wouldn't rest till he got one."

"Dear me," went on the visitor, "but I did not know that your husband could play the violin?"

"Neither he can," said the disgruntled wife. "He doesna even ken hop the wind it up yet."

"It is quite possible that the hair found in his possession has been cut from women," said Police Sergeant Pike, at Marylebone Police Court when he asked for the remand of Maurice Richards Knight, aged twenty-nine, commercial traveller, of Cyprus-street, Bethnal Green, who was accused of being a suspected person.

Sergeant Pike said that he was keeping special observation in Carlton-hill, St. John's Wood, and district, and watched Knight loitering there for three-quarters of an hour. He then arrested him, and found in his possession two locks of human hair.

Some more howlers:—Fleet Street is famous for detectives.

Asked to name a sea animal which breathes the air as humans do, mermaid and a hippopotamus were quoted.

Mr. Cook was credited with the post of Prime Minister.

The Vicar was helping to entertain at the Sunday School Christmas Treat. After tea he stepped on to the platform and announced with a smile:—"Now I am going to perform certain actions and you must guess what proverb they represent. A small gift will be given to the boy or girl who succeeds first."

The Vicar then lay down on the platform. One man came forward and vainly tried to lift him. Two others came to his aid and between them they raised the reverend gentleman. The scene was meant to represent "Union is Strength," but a small hand shot up and an eager voice squeaked:—"Let sleeping dogs lie!"

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

GOOD YEAR'S WORK
REVIEWED.

MORE FUNDS NEEDED.

Pointing out that abnormal calls on the Society's resources during 1926 had considerably reduced the balance on the right side, Sir Henry Pollock, presiding at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society this morning, appealed for increased public support. The meeting was well attended.

Annual Report.

Sir Henry Pollock read the 37th annual report which, said in part:—Owing to the trade depression in the Colony during the past year the Society had more calls on it than experienced in any year in its history: 73 applications have been made for relief, embracing in all 133 persons, men, women and children, 47 being new cases. After due investigation, 67 applicants were granted relief; the remainder being found unworthy or were dealt with by other Societies. The total number of persons who have actually received benefit from the Society being 107. In nearly every case clothing has been given.

During the past year 20 children have been supported at different schools and the Society is greatly indebted to the following schools which have made this possible by accepting reduced fees:—Diocesan Girls' School, Diocesan Boys' School, Italian Convent and St. Joseph's College.

The Hon. Secretary and one or more of the Committee attend the City Hall on Mondays and Thursdays at 11 o'clock to interview applicants and to receive gifts of clothing, etc., the great asset these gifts are to the work of the Society cannot be emphasized sufficiently. The Society has a furnished room in Kowloon to which married couples or women and children can be sent in urgent cases, also meals are supplied when necessary.

Among the various nationalities assisted have been British (including Australian and South African), American, Dutch, Eurasian, Russian, Rumanian, Filipino and Italian.

The thanks of the Committee are accorded to the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave who kindly interviews male applicants before they are referred to the consideration of the Committee. Thanks are also extended to the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, Mr. R. Sutherland and Mr. J. L. McPherson, the latter for auditing the Accounts.

The Committee appreciates the ready co-operation of the following Societies in relieving cases of distress from time to time:—St. Andrew's Society, British Legion, St. George's Society, St. Vincent de Paul, Y.M.C.A. and Missions to Seamen.

The Committee would like to warn residents of the Colony against giving money to seemingly distressed cases without first making enquiries of the Hon. Secretary or a member of the Committee as this frequently leads to fraud and overlapping.

A Fine Record.

Moving the adoption of the report and accounts, Sir Henry said that they must all feel that they had heard a fine record of work performed by the Society during 1926. He wished to emphasize it was very important that those of the outside public who meet with requests for assistance should realize that the Benevolent Society existed for the purpose of rendering help in all cases of need except where the applicants were Chinese or Portuguese. The Society St. Vincent de Paul did excellent work on behalf of the Chinese.

The Benevolent Society dealt with cases of distress from all other nationalities, and as those present must have seen from the report, they had relieved more cases than during any other period in the Society's history. The natural result had been that whereas the year was started with a balance of \$1,360 in the bank, they had finished with only \$582.

In view of the excellent work of the Society, he hoped to hear that the knowledge that it was going down financially would induce more persons to join the Society. The subscription was only \$12 per annum, a sum which was worth while rather than the person should be troubled with casual applicants for assistance.

Officers Thanked.

Sir Henry expressed, not only on behalf of the Society but on behalf of the public, their great indebtedness to the Hon. Secretary (Mrs.

STOLEN JUNK?

CHINESE CHARGED WITH
POSSESSION.

A Chinese complainant told Mr. J. R. Wood, acting Chief Justice, how his junk was taken from him by armed men at Ha Chak, outside the waters of the Colony, and how he recognised it at Tai O and gave information to the police, when the Criminal Sessions were continued at the Supreme Court this morning.

The prisoner, Leung Yan, is charged for being on January 10th, at Cheung Chau, in unlawful possession of the vessel, which was formerly numbered 3935 H.A., knowing it to have been stolen. The Attorney General, Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, is for the Crown and Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almada, is defending.

Sir Joseph Kemp explained that the junk was licensed in Hongkong and the owner, Kwok Yau-king, left on a voyage at the end of November or the beginning of December last year. At a place outside the waters of the Colony, the junk was captured by armed men who approached in another boat, and after detaining the owner they released him on about December 20th, and he returned to the Colony.

On January 10th, the junk appeared at Cheung Chau, where a licence was taken out, and then proceeded to Tai O, where it was recognised by the owner's son.

The prisoner was charged at the Police Station with receiving and being in possession of property stolen abroad, to both of which charges he replied that he did not know the vessel was stolen. When arrested, the prisoner only produced his licence obtained at Cheung Chau, although he had a deed of ownership which he did not produce until he was before the Magistrate. He explained that by saying that some boatmen would not let him produce it, adding that a Chinese document was not good in British territory; but witnesses would be called who would contradict that statement. It was strange he did not produce it earlier, as it would have been a complete answer to the charge.

There were two curious things about the document. One was that the date given was before the complainant said he lost his boat and the other was that there had been an alteration in the character '5' in the date. It appeared to be a genuine document, but it might not apply to that junk at all. The real point the jury would have to decide was guilty knowledge, and they would have to consider the prisoner's explanation, together with the other circumstances of the case. The case is proceeding.

Describing the reception of Sir Harcourt Butler by chiefs at Kachin (Burma), the correspondent of the Pioneer declares that the chiefs show every sign of accepting peacefully the inevitable liberation of the slaves.

J. H. Hunt for her splendid work during the year. Every Monday and Thursday during the year Mrs. Hunt had attended the City Hall to receive applications and gifts of clothing, etc., and further she had often had to consult with the Secretaries of other Societies in dealing with special cases. It was a work not lightly to be undertaken by anybody and thanks in the fullest measure were due—(Applause).

Thanks were also due to the members of the Committee. Such praiseworthy endeavour to relieve distress in this Colony was made by the Society that they must be deeply grateful to all who had assisted in its work.

Concluding, Sir Henry Pollock pointed out that applicants for relief need not be on the lowest rungs, but anyone in distress would receive consideration, whatever his or her position. He mentioned that clothing had been supplied to refugees from the dreadful conditions which existed in our neighbouring country, China.

Mrs. King seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, which were unanimously passed.

The Committee.

The Committee for 1927 has been elected as follows:—Mrs. C. G. Alabaster (President), Mrs. D. Burlingham, Mrs. R. C. Comrie, Mrs. W. T. Featherstone, Mrs. H. E. Goldsmith (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. J. H. Hunt (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. R. Innes, Mrs. T. H. King, Mrs. G. Murray, Mrs. H. A. Nisbet (Vice-President) and Mrs. F. D. Tracey.

A vote of thanks to Sir Henry Pollock was proposed by Mrs. Ferguson, the retiring President.

WASHINGTON'S
BIRTHDAY.PRESIDENT'S SPEECH
BROADCAST.

Washington, Feb. 22. The whole of America will to-day affix headphones on switch on loud speakers to listen to an address by President Coolidge on the birthday of George Washington.

The speech will be simultaneously broadcast by 42 stations throughout the country, and other stations are attempting to convey the voice across the Atlantic and as far as possible across the Pacific. *Reuter's American Service.*

Heard in London.

London, Later. London listeners were surprised this evening by the B. B. C. broadcasting the speech of President Coolidge, which was picked up at the super-receiving station at Keeton from Schenectady and relayed to London. *Reuter.*

Anglo-American Relations.

London, Feb. 22. George Washington's birthday was signalled in London by the opening of Dartmouth House, Berkeley Square, the new headquarters of the English-Speaking Union, in the presence of a distinguished company, including Earl Balfour, the Marquis Reading, and the American Ambassador.

A cablegram from Ambassador Davis was read, hailing the occasion as another landmark in friendly co-operation towards world peace.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, in opening the building, enumerated the events of past years which had tended to improve Anglo-American relations, notably the settlement of the Irish question, then our efforts to see the American prohibition law maintained by Britishers in their dealings with America and the Washington naval agreement, in connection with which the Premier said that, speaking individually, he would be only too pleased if further progress were made before long on similar lines. *Reuter.*

AIR MAIL.

BIG INCREASE IN TRAFFIC.

London, Feb. 22. An increase of over eight per cent. on the previous year occurred during 1926 in British air mail traffic.

Mails for Paris, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Scandinavia and the East Baltic countries and Russia substantially increased but a decrease, mainly due to the removal of the British forces from Cologne, occurred in mails for Germany. Nearly 17,000 pounds of letters were carried by air, of which 7,000 pounds went on the Cairo-Bagdad air mail, this increasing 15 per cent. Air mail parcels weighed 25 tons, showing an 11 per cent. increase on the previous year. *British Wireless.*

SCHNEIDER TROPHY.

BRITAIN MAKES FULL ENTRY.

London, Feb. 22. The Royal Aero Club has cabled to the Avo Club of Italy, lodging the entry of a full team of three machines for the Schneider Trophy race, which will be flown at Venice in September.

The competing machines will be selected from a Super Marine Napier, Gloster Napier and a Bristol Crusader which are almost completed.

It is probable that three machines will be constructed of whichever of these types proves best and will be sent to Venice. The other machines will be held in reserve. *British Wireless.*

COLONEL GARIBALDI.

PERMITTED TO LAND AT
HAVANA.

Havana, Feb. 22. Colonel Ricciotti Garibaldi, one of the Catalan conspirators who was ordered out of France, has arrived, and was permitted to land at the last minute as the result of efforts by a number of prominent Cubans.

It is understood that the State Department at Washington has asked the French Government for an official history of the case. *Reuter.*

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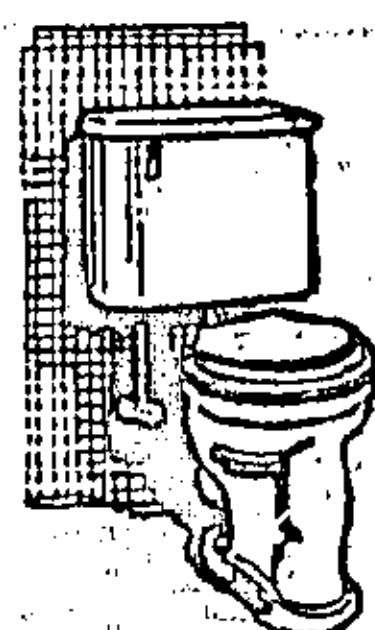
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In addition to this, the programme includes a lengthy news reel, an Inkwell cartoon and a very novel series of colour sketches showing latest fashions for men and womenfolk.

Taken ill while driving a motor-bus at Swansea, William Bailey died later.

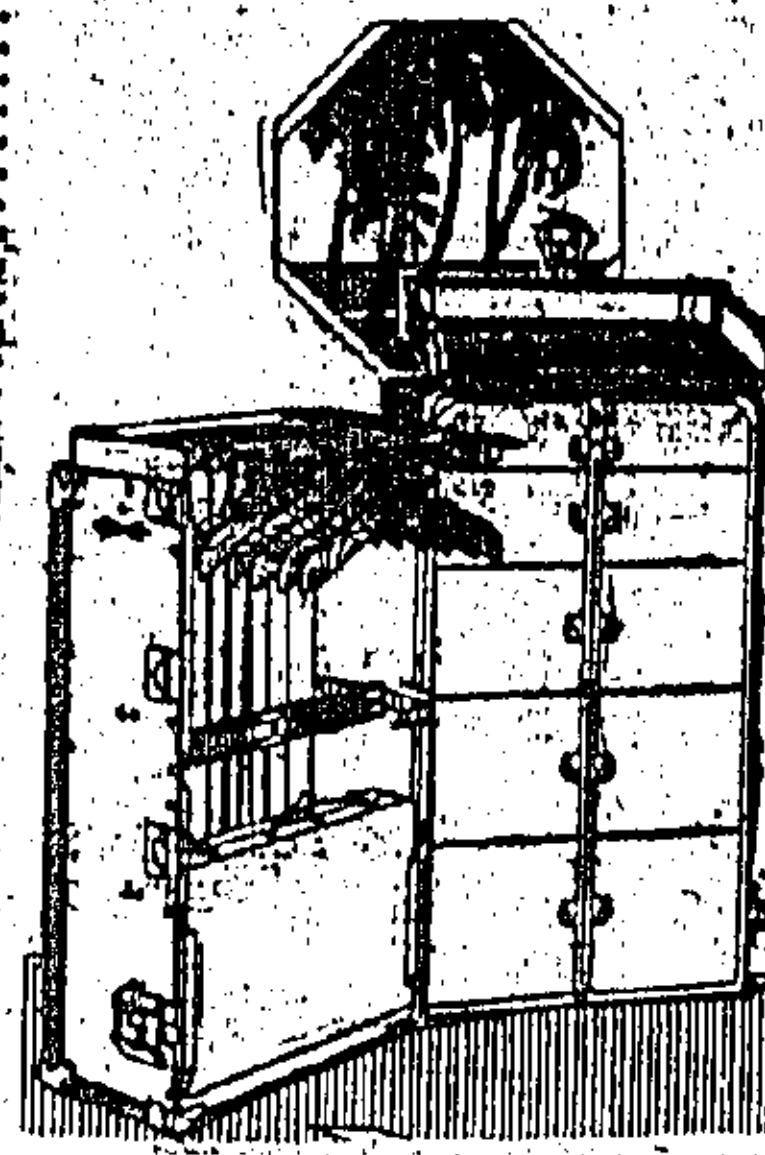
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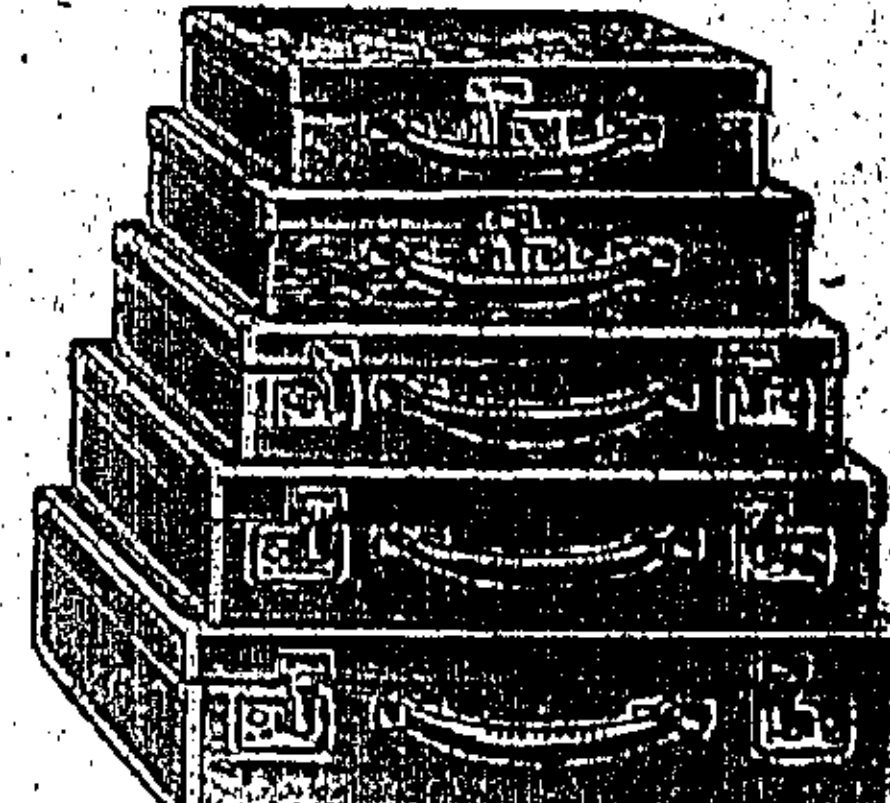
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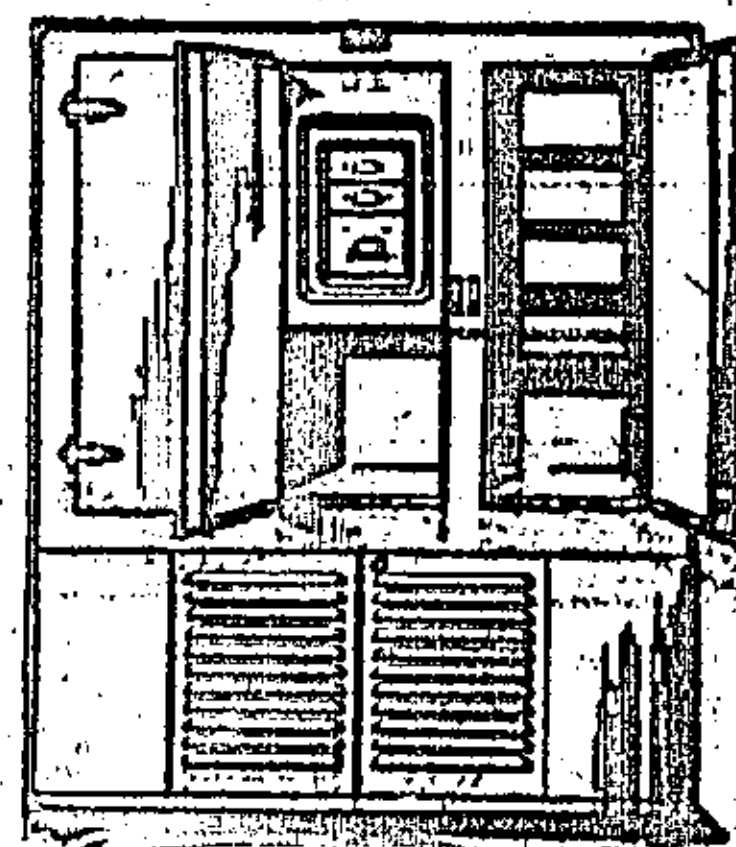
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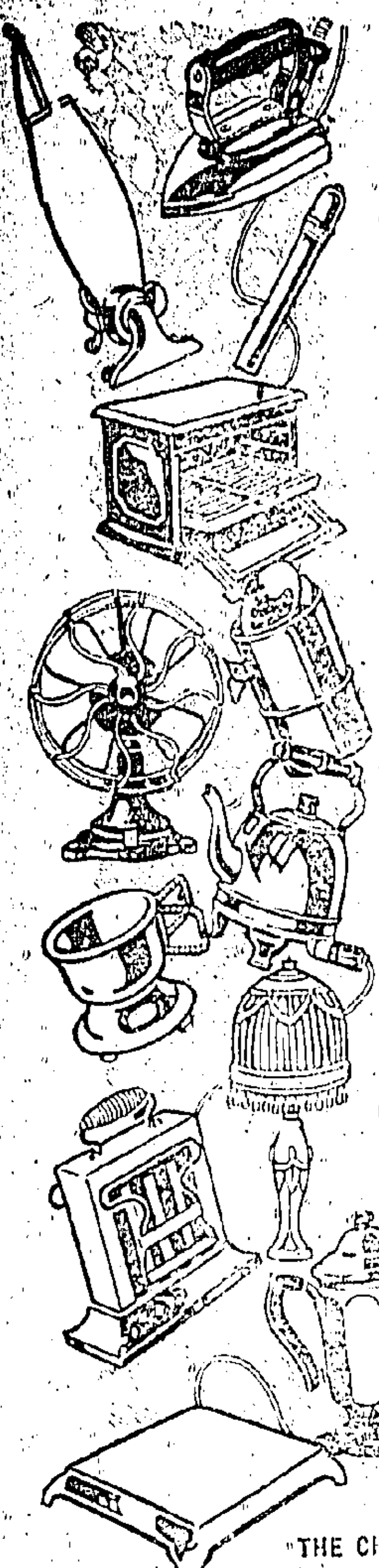
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TYPHOID CASES.

ASSURING STATEMENT BY
THE M. O. H.

"After careful inquiry into all recent cases I have not found any evidence to justify the apprehension that typhoid has assumed or is likely to assume epidemic proportions at present," was the reply given by the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. G.W. Pope, to a question put by Mr. J.P. Braga at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board.

Mr. Braga's question was: "With reference to the fatal European (British) case of typhoid, reported in the local newspapers of the 14th February, and to other cases (also European), now happily convalescing, and in order to allay public apprehension will the Medical Officer of Health please state whether, in his opinion, these cases, which have occurred among the European residents of Kowloon, may take the form of an incipient epidemic of this malignant disease?"

Source Not Traced.

Other questions asked by Mr. Braga were as follows:

Has the source of infection in the cases mentioned in (1) been traced and, if so, what is it? If not, will the Medical Officer of Health be so kind as to explain, what, in his opinion, led to the disease being contracted by the patient who unfortunately succumbed to the disease?

The M.O.H. replied: The actual source of infection has not been traced in these cases. In the absence of definite knowledge as to the source I am unable to express an opinion as to the probable cause of the infection. This applies also to the fatal case who, I might add, lived in an institution from which no other cases have been reported.

No Inspection.

Mr. Braga: Owing to the recurrence of typhoid cases, and so as to avert the danger of the dreaded disease spreading in an epidemic form, will the President cause instructions to be issued for the periodic and more frequent visits of Chinese market gardens in the outskirts of Old Kowloon by officers of the Sanitary Department with the object of (a) better supervision being exercised over the supply of vegetables and other market produce cultivated with manure derived from human and animal sources; and (b) controlling the use of offensive matter for manurial purposes so as to reduce to a minimum the danger of disseminating communicable diseases in the event of an outbreak thereof?

The President, Mr. N.L. Smith replied: Chinese market gardens in New Kowloon are not at present inspected by the staff of the Sanitary Department. If the inspection now suggested is to have any practical results it will, I think, be necessary as a first step for the Board by resolution to reverse its ruling that the scavenging and Conservancy by-laws are not to be enforced in outlying areas.

Uncooked Vegetables.

Mr. Braga: In the hypothetical, though not improbable, case of the discharges of a typhoid patient finding their way into the cesspool in Kowloon Tong (referred to in my questions on the 25th January last) and the liquid manure sprayed over the vegetables in cultivation in the district, will the Medical Officer of Health please inform the Board whether such a source of infection would not be a real menace to the health of the residents of Kowloon Tong?

The Medical Officer of Health replied: Under the circumstances postulated in this question any one who ate the uncooked vegetables in question would run a risk of infection and that risk would be the same whether or not such a person lived at Kowloon Tong. The Board advises the public quarterly of the danger of eating uncooked vegetables.

The Estimates.

On the proposal of the President a Committee consisting of Drs. Macgregor and S.W. Tao was formed to consider the estimates of the Sanitary Department for 1928, and report to the Board.

Mr. Braga: Will an opportunity be afforded the Board to discuss the estimates before they are sent to the Government?

The President: Yes, of course. We have a debate on the estimates if we have anything to bring forward.

U. S. AND NICARAGUA. NEW TREATY FOR DEFENCE PROPOSED.

Washington, Feb. 22. It is reported that the president Diaz has proposed to the State Department a new treaty with Nicaragua and the United States, the latter guaranteeing the protection of Nicaragua from external attacks and internal disorders due to outside interference.—*Reuter's American Service.*

UNWANTED EFFIGY.

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In reply the postal authorities have informed the firm that the manner of the refusal of the correspondence was contrary to regulations, and was regarded as a libel on the postmaster-general. It is further intimated that the letters will not be returned to the sender.—*Central News.*

[Frederick the Great was King of Prussia (1749 to 1786), but not of Hanover.]

Mr. Braga: I want to be sure that provision is made for a market, if only a temporary one, at Kowloon Tong.

The President: If you have any suggestions the Committee will consider them.

On the proposal of the President the plans for proposed markets at Cheung Sha Wan and Kowloon City were approved.

Those present at the meeting were Mr. N.L. Smith (President), Dr. S.W. Tao, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Dr. S.C. Ho, Mr. J.P. Braga, the Hon. Mr. H.T. Creasy (Director of Public Works), Dr. G.W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health) and Mr. D. Davies (secretary.)



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Mr. C. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. M. K. Lo, appeared for the defendant, while Mr. M. M. Watson represented the plaintiff, an accountant of the Bank of Canton.

Previous to hearing the evidence of the defendant Mr. R. E. Lindell said: "Before we go any further I want to say that this is not a case in which I should assume jurisdiction, as I think it is a case which should be tried before a jury. I would deal with it as a criminal case."

Mr. Alabaster, in view of recent decisions in the Supreme Court that it is desirable for the defence to disclose what the defence was at the Magistrate, I think I should like to put the defence through this Court.

Mr. Lindell: Yes, I think we had better do that.

Defendant's Story.

The defendant, Li Yu-wan, then went into the witness box. He was warned not to say anything that would incriminate himself. He stated that he was Manager of the Wah Tung Bank, of 99 Wing Lok Street, and had an account in the Bank of Canton under the name of Kwan Un. On the 13th December he presented a cheque for \$1,000 at the Bank of Canton drawn against that account. He was told to wait, but did not do so, preferring to go away and return a little later for his cash. He returned at a little after 12 noon and asked a clerk in the Bank named Ng Chiu-hang if his money was ready and was told that it was. The clerk questioned him as to how much he was to receive and he replied "\$1,000." It was the usual practice of that Bank to ask how much a person expected against his cheque before they would pay over the cash. He was quite sure that on that particular occasion the clerk had asked him what he expected to receive. He was handed two notes of \$500 each which he took back to his shop and locked up in a safe.

Deficit Discovered.

About four o'clock that same afternoon Ng Chiu-hang went to his shop and told him that on closing the books the Bank discovered a deficit of \$9,000. Ng asked defendant if he was paid too much and, if so, to return the money. Defendant replied that he was a business man and if he had received too much he would certainly return it. Ng went away but returned again in a quarter of an hour in the company of another clerk from the Bank. They asked him once again to return the money if it was overpaid to him. Defendant again denied having received the money and they went away. The next day he received a letter from the Sub-Manager of the Bank of Canton asking him to call. He went there and once again heard that the bank was \$9,000 out in their accounts on the 13th December. Defendant told the Sub-Manager that he did not receive the money. The next day he again received a letter from the Bank of Canton couched in similar terms to the previous letter, and he again called at the bank and went through the same interview with the Sub-Manager.

Folds Scheme.

On the 20th December, three foks interviewed him in his shop. They said that as the Bank of Canton had overpaid him \$9,000 they wanted their share. Defendant told them that he had not received any money in excess from the Bank of Canton and scolded his foks for making the suggestion. The next day two of them tendered their resignations.

From time to time he had borrowed money from the Wing Tung Fook firm, of which his cousin was the manager. On the day in question he borrowed three different sums of money from that firm. One amount was \$2,000, one \$7,000 and one \$10,000. The amount of \$7,000 was a personal loan from his cousin. He returned the whole \$19,000 the next day and entries could be found in his books to this effect. The person who after the \$9,000 to \$7,000 was his accountant. He could not say how the accountant could have made the mistake originally, as he distinctly told him to enter \$2,000, \$7,000 and \$10,000. The accountant's duty was not solely to keep books. Sometimes when he was out, defendant would write the book up himself.

After a cross-examination, Mr. Lindell said: he could only change his decision to bring this case to the Supreme Court if the defence blew the case "sky high." He considered that there was a case for the defence to answer.

Mr. Alabaster said that in view of his Worship's decision he would reserve the evidence of two other witnesses for the higher Court.

FORGED CHEQUES.

DRAWN AGAINST A. P. C. EMPLOYEES.

Before Major Wilson this afternoon a young Chinese, who was formerly employed as a filing clerk in the Asiatic Petroleum Company was charged with larceny of a number of articles, including one automatic pistol with ammunition, a silver cigarette case, and with the forgery of two cheques, one purporting to be signed by Mr. W. A. Butterfield of the A.P.C. for \$500, payable to "Mr. Brown" and another purporting to be signed by Miss D. L. Gattay also of the A.P.C. for \$50, payable to "Dr. Burton" or bearer. It is also alleged that the accused forged the signature of Mr. W. A. Butterfield on an excellent reference from the A.P.C.

Drawer Ransacked.

In his evidence, Mr. W. A. Butterfield stated that on the morning of the 10th inst. when he returned to his office he found that the right side of his desk had been cut as if by a chisel and that the drawer which contained his cheque book and other personal articles had been pried open. He noticed that his pistol was missing although the holster was still there. He also missed his cheque book. He immediately notified the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank of the loss. He then rang up the police and on the arrival of Detective Sergeant Baker witness advised him to look for a man named, Dick Chan. After the police had gone he discovered his cheque book when sorting through the debris. Just after he found the cheque book the Bank rang him up to tell him that a man had presented a cheque in his name for \$500 to the order of "Mr. Brown." He went to the Bank where he examined the cheque and found it to be a forgery. A man from the Bank then took him to where a number of Chinese were standing and there he saw Dick Chan, the man whom he dismissed a few days before. Besides other things witness missed three notes of 10 pesos each. Witness also denied having given the defendant the reference which was produced in court. A key which was found in the possession of the defendant when arrested was identified by the witness as the key to the Carpenter's workshop on the 7th floor of the A.P.C. Building.

Other Articles Missed.

Mr. L. M. S. Lloyd, an assistant of the A.P.C. next went into the witness box. He stated that when he heard that Mr. Butterfield's drawer had been pried open he looked into his own drawer to see if anything was missing. He found a silver

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SHANGHAI DEFENCE.**HOUSING OF TROOPS.**

Shanghai, Feb. 22.

The Suffolks have landed and are occupying the quarters of the Punjabis on the racecourse. The latter are leaving for Hongkong this afternoon.

The problem of providing space for British troops here which threatened to become acute has been satisfactorily solved. To avert possible protests from other nationals against troops being quartered in international property, so far only British property has been used.

Yesterday the British Consul General applied to the municipality for permission to use the Jessfield Park. The municipality not only agreed but intimated that all municipal property such as schools, etc. would be placed at the disposal of the defence force if required.—*Reuter*.

Troops at Colombo.

Colombo, Feb. 22.

The troops of the Middlesex Regt. and the 2nd South Wales Borderers, and also volunteer details of sixteen regiments aboard, and the Assaye, with the 1st Battalion Green Howards aboard, arrived over the week-end. The Assaye and Kinfans Castle sailed on February 20. The 2nd Battalion Coldstreams Guards are aboard the latter.—*Reuter*.

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Auckland, Feb. 22.

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Enthusiastic crowds broke the police cordon as their Highnesses drove through the streets visiting various centres, after an address of welcome read by the Prime Minister, Mr. Coates at the town hall.—*Reuter*.

DISARMAMENT.

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Buenos Aires, Feb. 22.

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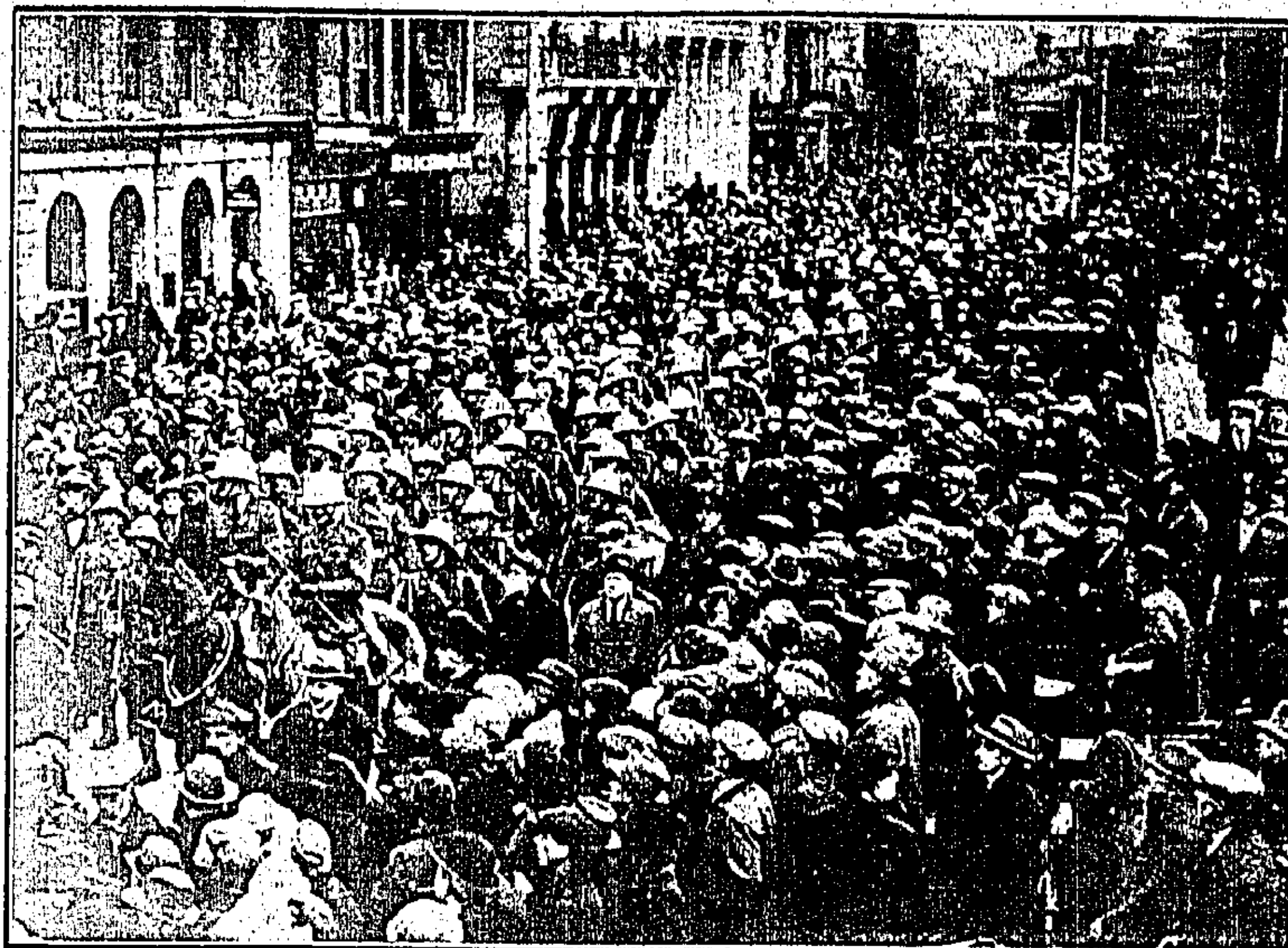
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MARINES' SEND-OFF: ARRIVE IN HONGKONG.



A thousand Marines, detailed for service in China, arrived in Hongkong to-day by the troop-ship Minnesota. The above picture shows the contingent marching through the streets of Port-smouth prior to embarkation, the crowds lining the route giving them a great send-off.

LABOUR ISSUES.

(Continued from page 1.)

doers or contractors. As a means of getting the desirable first hand touch, recognition of trade unions is a first essential step. This may sound drastic advice to some, especially as the unions in Shanghai are seen to be radical. But the policy of suppression has been tried, and proved a failure. Unions are there, whether they are recognized or not. They work underground and do not have to assume responsibility for their actions. If recognized, they are bound to exercise authority over their members, and their leaders can be held responsible. Whether we like them or not, he said, it is bad policy not to recognize them.

A second method of immediate contact of workers and employers not yet tried in Shanghai, is the workers' council. This is possibly a very new idea for Shanghai. It does not mean participation in control on the part of the workmen till such can be done with advantage to the industry. It does, however, mean better understanding between an employer and his workers. It is the channel for the explanation of the policy of the organization. By it, the motive of employers in certain action, so likely to be misunderstood by the more ignorant type of worker, can be explained.

Replacing Man Power.

Dr. Wu expressed his willingness to answer questions, or to hear the opinions of the audience. One questioner stated:—"There confronts me every day a real problem. In my godown there are many more men than are needed. If I introduce mechanical aids, which will take away from the men the almost inhuman hauling work they have to do, some will have to be dismissed. In China, where there is so much unemployment, this causes much thought." Dr. Wu replied that, in his opinion, it was impossible to keep back the hand of progress. The introduction of mechanical aids worked hardships in individual cases, he was aware, and he appreciated the difficulty of the questioner, but of the general progress of humanity in this machine age, it was not possible to stem the tide.

RUBBER RESTRICTION.

NO CHANGE OF POLICY CONTEMPLATED.

London, Feb. 22.

In the House of Commons, questioned as to whether the rubber restriction policy is to be continued after November 1st and what alterations were contemplated therefrom, Mr. L. S. Amery said that as long as the conditions under which the present scheme was in operation remains substantially the same, such, for instance, as the area of restriction, he did not propose to suggest that the Governments for Ceylon and Malaya should suspend the restriction measures or materially to modify the present regulations.

—Reuter.

KOWLOON ROBBERY.

CHINESE WOMAN TURNS DETECTIVE.

A Chinese woman turned detective after her house at Kowloon City had been ransacked by armed men, and, as the result of her enquiries, she succeeded in locating one of the men in Hongkong.

This man, Lau Sui, was charged before the acting Puisne Judge, Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith prosecuted for the Crown. The prisoner is alleged to have robbed Lau Loi-kiu of a pair of bracelets, five bangles, three finger-rings, two watches, a watch chain, a neck chain, two pendants, two brooches, two gold pins, a string of pearls, and \$210 in money. He is alleged to have stolen a pair of earrings from an amah.

Mr. Whyte-Smith said—Lau, together with her daughter and an amah, were eating their evening meal at No. 15, Nga Tsin Long, Kowloon City, when four men carrying daggers entered. They pushed the women into the kitchen and bath room, after threatening them with the daggers. The prisoner, who was alleged to have done the searching, wore a towel round his face, probably as a mask, but he later took it off and Lau was able to see his face, and recognised him as a man she knew by sight.

Although the matter was reported to the police, the woman made enquiries on her own, and pointed out the prisoner to a Chinese searcher in Queen's Road East. Mr. Whyte-Smith added that it seemed to be entirely a question of identification, and the prisoner had been identified by the daughter of the complainant.

The case is proceeding.

CHINA MERCHANTS FLEET.

THREE SHIPS RETURNED.

The laying-up of the ships comprising the fleet of China's premier shipping concern, as a protest against forcible seizure by the Chinese authorities of both North and South, has had some effect in a partial return of the tonnage commandeered, it was learned by a Telegraph reporter this morning.

Recently, it was announced that as a result of forcible diversion, or military purposes, of a number of the China Merchants Steam Navigation vessels plying on the Yellow River, and of the forcible detention of a number of other boats of the Company's fleet at Canton, the Company's officials had decided to cease all operations, and this was carried out.

Since then, the Hongkong office has received information to the effect that at least three of the China Merchants steamers on the Yangtze have been returned by the Northern military leaders. There have been no further developments, however, with regard to the ships held at Canton.

The China Merchants Steam Navigation Company owns, or had owned, a fleet of about 30 vessels, and the tonnage now being rendered idle amounts to approximately 60,000 tons, representing more than half of native-owned steamer tonnage in China, it is stated.

STEAMER MISHAPS.

KWONG FOOK GOES AGROUND.

With regard to the mishap which occurred to the steamer Kwong Fook and another West River boat, a more detailed report is now to hand, and, in the light of this, it would appear that weather conditions, and a difficult stretch of the river, had much to do with the piracy scare created by the sight of these vessels lying in a position indicative of deep distress.

The Kwong Fook, according to the story brought back by the crew, left Wuchow on Friday night to return to Hongkong, and, early the following morning, ran into a dense fog. When this fog later cleared, the Kwong Fook Cheong, another well-known river boat, was observed to have gone out of her bearings and have grounded on a field-bank. Her forepart was also observed to have been damaged, and it was a very awkward situation in which she was placed.

An attempt to take the Kwong Fook Cheong having failed, both vessels fired guns as signals of distress, and, such are the piracy fears in these waters nowadays, that the Chung On, another of the vessels owned by the same Hongkong Company, on observing the two boats as she passed downstream on her way to Hongkong, assumed that it was another case of steamers having fallen into piratical hands, and reported the incident as such to the first gunboat she met.

This turned out to be a British warship, but a Chinese gunboat also proceeded from Canton to the scene of the mishap, which was near Tin Ho. It is assumed that they are still standing by, until the Kwong Fook Cheong is refloated, as a precaution against the danger of an attack by pirates, regarding which there is lively apprehension in these waters.

The Kwong Fook being thus relieved from a necessary duty, resumed her trip to Hongkong, but before long met with a mishap similar to the case of the ship she had just left. The Kwong Fook grounded near Lan Sha, and was unable to refloat. On Sunday morning she was still in that position when provisions ran out. Fortunately, that same night, the Kwong Hong, another of the Sai Hing Company's steamers, came up, and assisted the Kwong Fook out of her dangerous position. This was carried out with great difficulty, but was eventually successful, enabling the Kwong Fook to return to Hongkong, at five o'clock on Monday afternoon. No damage resulted from the accident, and the Kwong Fook again left on another up-river trip yesterday afternoon.

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recent disturbances in Kiukiang, such losses would be compensated by the Nationalist Government. He added that Mr. O'Malley was now proceeding to Kiukiang to discuss with His Majesty's Consul the question of compensation.

Asked by Sir C. Kinloch-Cooke whether Britishers at Hankow would receive the same compensation, Mr. Locker-Lampson said he understood there was intensive looting at Kiukiang, which was not the case at Hankow. Sir Kinloch-Cooke interjected:—"Oh, yes, it was."—Reuter.

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VOLUNTEER INSPECTION.

G. O. C. REVIEWS LOCAL UNITS.

The General Officer Commanding, Major General Luard, reviewed the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps at the Murray Barracks Parade Ground last evening, when there was present a muster of more than 400 members of the Corps, there being representatives of all detachments. The public attended in large numbers.

The Corps were drawn up in an open square, with the Mounted Infantry to the eastward, the Armoured Car Detachment, the Machine Gun Corps, Engineers, Infantry, Scottish, Reserves and Medical Corps in that order, with the pipe band of the K.O.S.B. facing the saluting point. Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird was in command, with Major Wolfe Murray as Adjutant.

On arrival of the G.O.C., the pipe band played the salute after which the inspection was carried out, commencing from the northern end of the parade ground. Then followed the march past, with Major General Luard taking the salute, the companies passing as from east to west, headed by the K.O.S.B. pipe band.

The Address.
On conclusion of the march past the square closed up, and Major General Luard addressed the assembled companies as follows:
Colonel Bird and all ranks of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Force:

It is just two years since I first inspected you and, although I have not seen as much of you as I would like to have done, I want to assure you that I have always taken and will always take the greatest interest in the Corps.

No one who has the welfare of the Colony at heart can help having the greatest admiration for all of you who are prepared to voluntarily give up so much time and take so much trouble to make yourselves efficient.

I congratulate you on your appearance and turn out on parade this evening. Your movements were well carried out and I would particularly note the very great improvement noticeable in the salute and handling of the sword by the officers.

You have in the past months assisted the Government considerably with your route marches and have earned the thanks of H. E. the Governor. In that connection I would urge that, although I know how busy you are, everyone who could possibly get away should

turn up as to have it in strength is of course important.

Annual Camps.
Camps were well attended on the whole—some 311 members attending. During the coming training season there will be 4 camps instead of 6, which we hope may lead to more concentration and better training. It must be remembered that it is our only real chance of the year to knit units together and increase the team spirit.

Last summer under Major Roberts much use was made of the Sand Table; much keenness was shown and interesting problems worked out. It is hoped to be able to continue it this year. It is an excellent method of exercising the mind in the larger problems of war, and the essential co-operation between all arms, which is so essential in the Field.

I am somewhat disappointed to find that there are only 20 Marksmen at Musketry this year. I hope we shall find many more next year. Your strength has gone down somewhat (29) from various reasons, the chief of which is that so many members have left the Colony and sufficient new hands have not come forward. However, I feel confident that the recent letter addressed to firms on the subject will have good results and the wastage more than made good.

Portuguese Company.
A Portuguese Company is also being raised and recruits are coming in fast which is satisfactory.

Officers have been selected to form an A. S. C. unit which will, we hope, develop into a useful Supply Unit in the event of mobilization. The "Kirkpatrick Cup" scheme this year has been worked out on the assumption that the present Infantry companies have been armed with Machine Guns—40 in number. The object is to consider the possibility of handing over the Local Defence of the Island mainly to the Volunteers by increasing their fire power 100 per cent. It will be interesting to get criticisms on the scheme when worked out in detail.

You have now got in Major Wolfe Murray a whole time Regular Adjutant of experience. He has told me that he is very much struck by the wonderful keenness shown by all ranks. This is most satisfactory and I am confident that with his assistance and your co-operation we may look forward to even greater strides in efficiency this year.

On the conclusion of the G.O.C.'s speech, the parade once again marched past and left the parade ground by the northern gate, returning to headquarters.